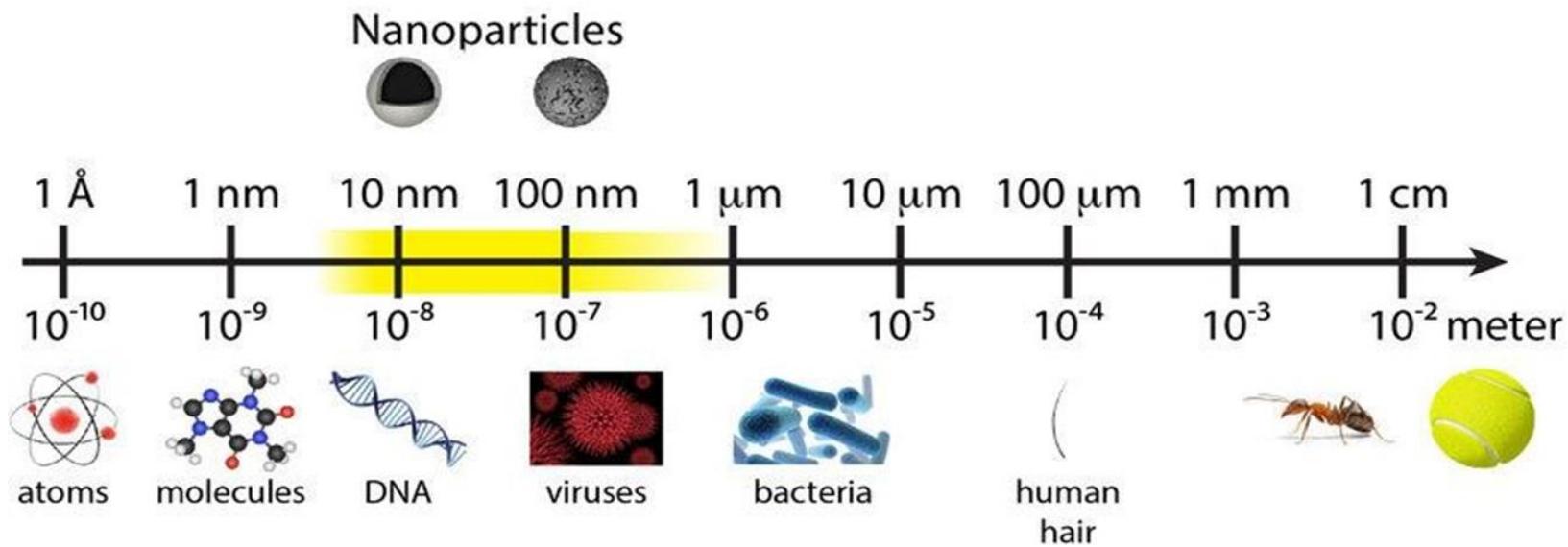


Nanotechnology is a “system of innovative methods to control and manipulate matter at near-atomic scale to produce new materials, structures, and devices”.



## Nanomaterials (NMs)

Materials in the range of 100 nm are considered to be nanoparticles. They exhibit a wide range of properties, including optical, electrical, catalytic, magnetic, and biological activity.



# Metal nanoparticles

Metal nanoparticles are tiny particles of metals that have dimensions typically in the range of 1 to 100 nanometers. At this scale, materials exhibit unique physical, chemical, and optical properties that differ significantly from their bulk counterparts due to quantum effects and a high surface area-to-volume ratio. Here are key features and details about metal nanoparticles:

## **Characteristics of Metal Nanoparticles**

### **1. Size and Shape:**

1. Their nanoscale size gives them distinct properties.
2. They can have various shapes like spheres, rods, cubes, or plates, which influence their behavior and applications.

### **2. High Surface Area:**

1. Due to their small size, metal nanoparticles have a high ratio of surface atoms compared to bulk materials, enhancing their reactivity.

### **3. Optical Properties:**

1. Metal nanoparticles exhibit localized surface plasmon resonance (LSPR), where electrons resonate with light at specific wavelengths, leading to vibrant colors (e.g., gold nanoparticles appearing red or purple).

### **4. Quantum Effects:**

1. The electronic properties of metal nanoparticles are size-dependent, making them useful in catalysis, electronics, and quantum dot technologies.

## Common Types of Metal Nanoparticles

- **Gold (Au) Nanoparticles:** Widely used in medical imaging, drug delivery, and as catalysts.
- **Silver (Ag) Nanoparticles:** Known for their antimicrobial properties, used in coatings and textiles.
- **Platinum (Pt) Nanoparticles:** Used in fuel cells and as catalysts in chemical reactions.
- **Iron (Fe) Nanoparticles:** Often employed in environmental remediation and magnetic applications.

## Synthesis Methods

- **Physical Methods:** Laser ablation, evaporation-condensation techniques.
- **Chemical Methods:** Reduction of metal salts in solution using reducing agents like citrate or borohydride.
- **Biological Methods:** Utilizing plant extracts, bacteria, or fungi for eco-friendly synthesis.

## **Applications**

### **1. Catalysis:**

1. Metal nanoparticles accelerate chemical reactions due to their high reactivity and surface area.

### **2. Biomedical Uses:**

1. Targeted drug delivery, cancer treatment, imaging, and biosensors.

### **3. Environmental Remediation:**

1. Removal of pollutants or heavy metals from water and soil.

### **4. Electronics:**

1. Used in conductive inks, circuits, and memory devices.

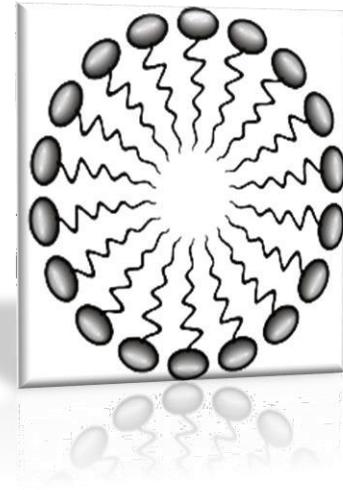
### **5. Optics and Photonics:**

1. Enhancement of optical devices and sensors using their plasmonic properties.

## **Safety and Environmental Considerations**

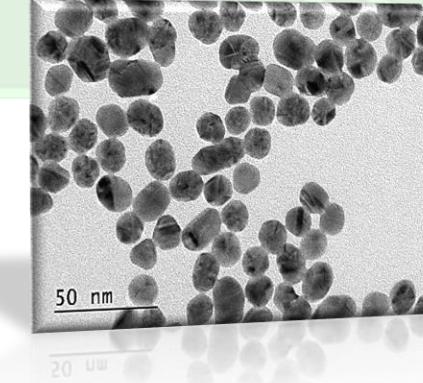
While metal nanoparticles have exciting applications, their potential toxicity and environmental impact are subjects of ongoing research. Careful assessment and regulation are essential to balance benefits with risks.

Metal nanoparticles are a frontier of nanotechnology with immense potential across industries, driven by their unique properties at the nanoscale.



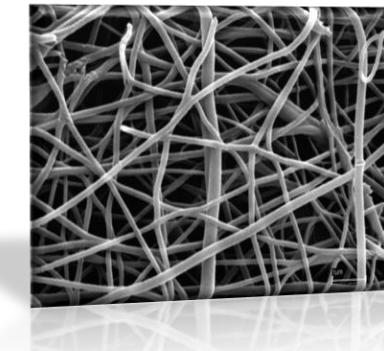
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Nano-objects  
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**Nanomaterials  
(NMs)**

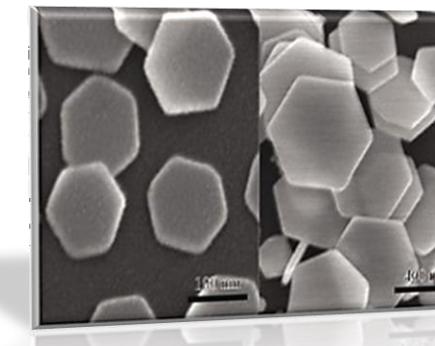
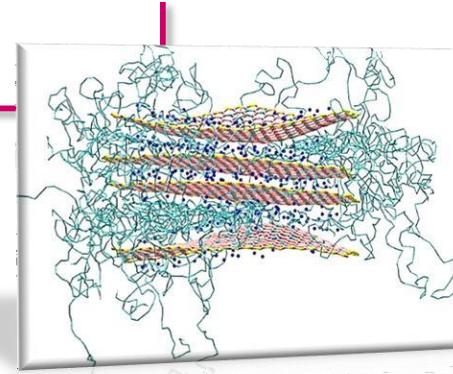
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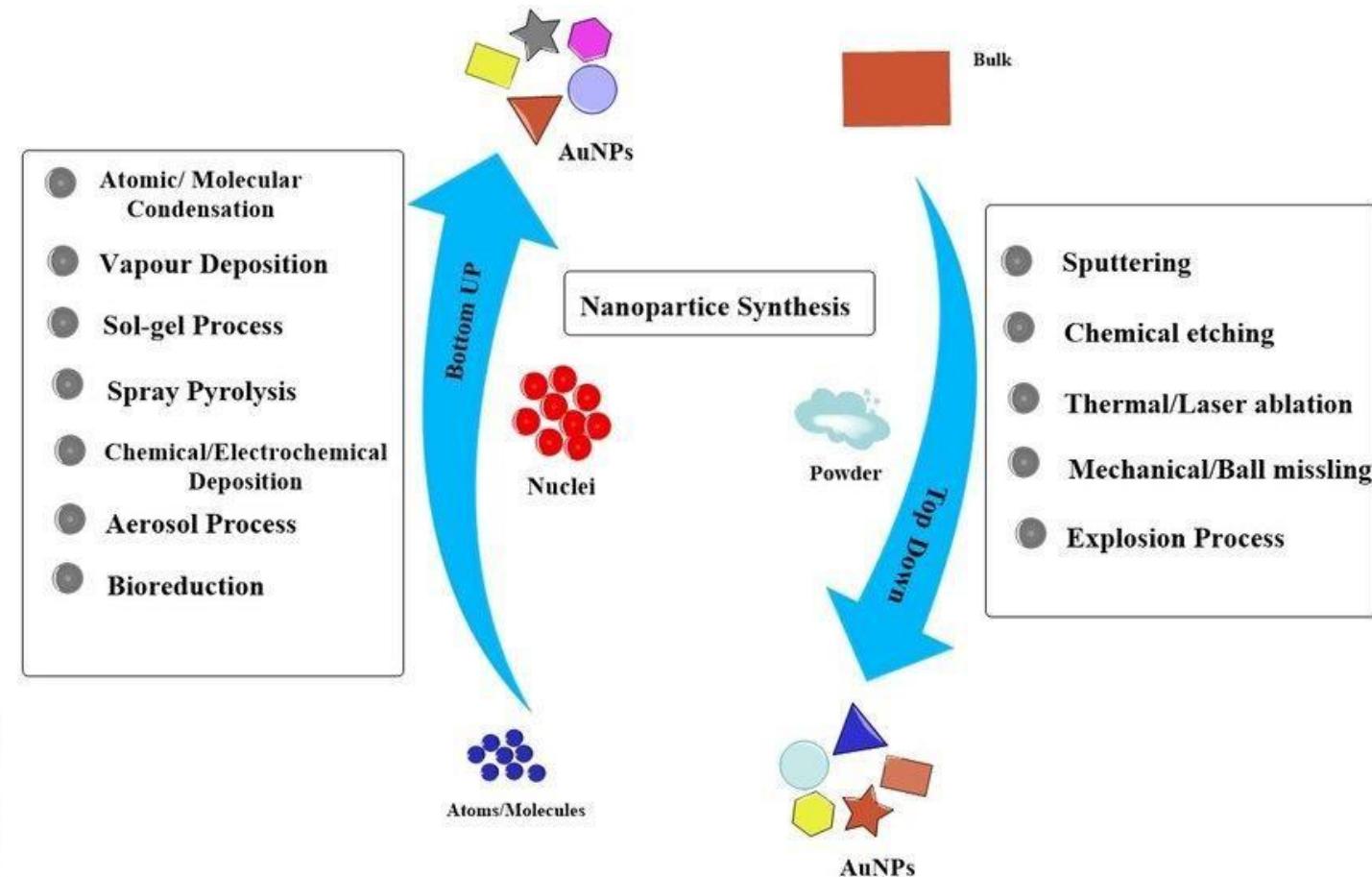
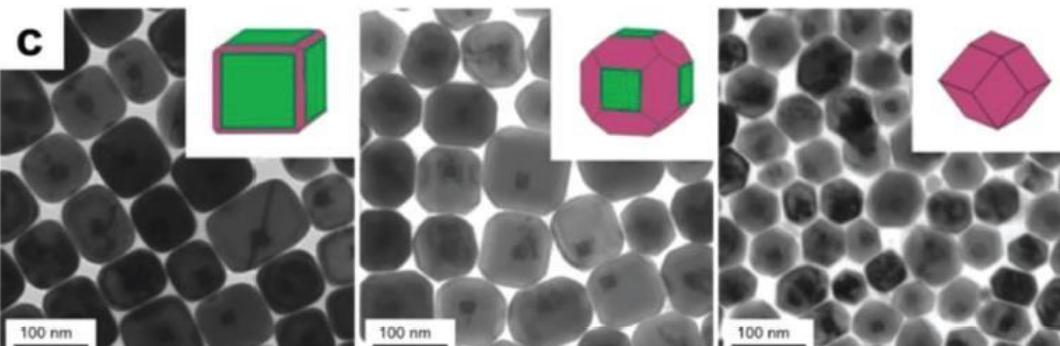
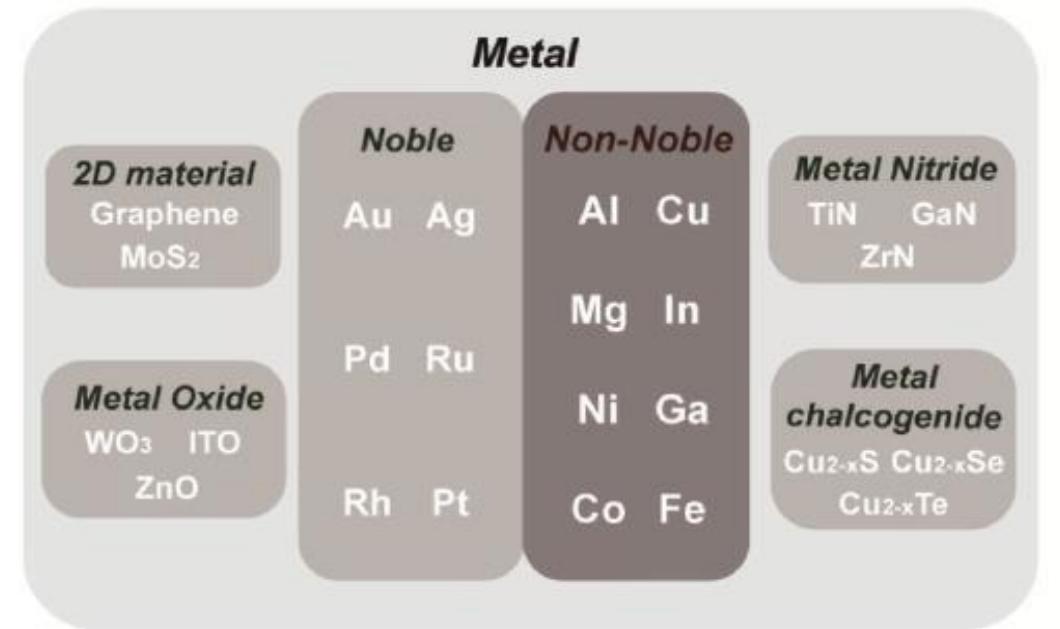
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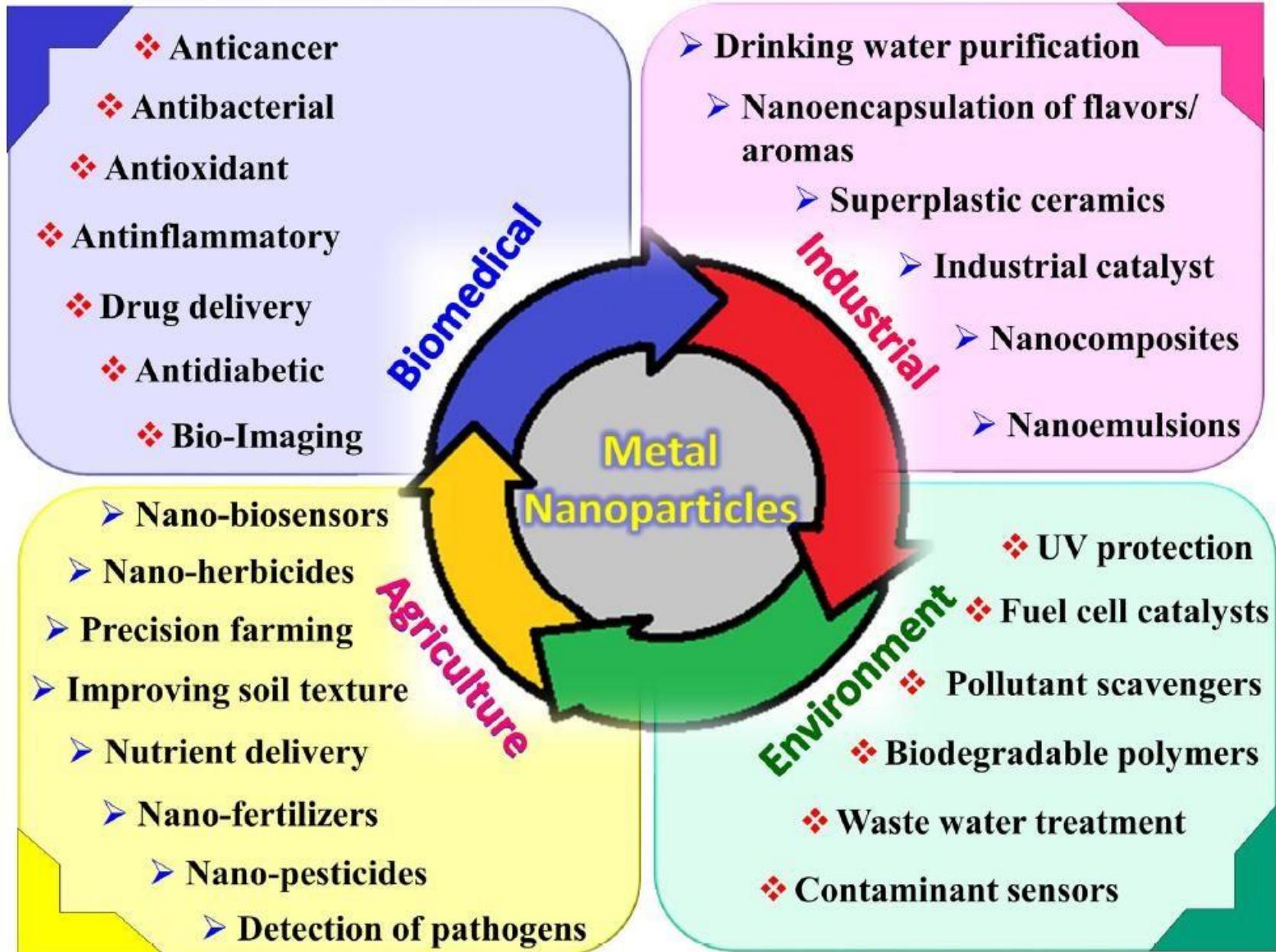
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# Metal based Nanoparticles



# Metal Nanoparticles application fields

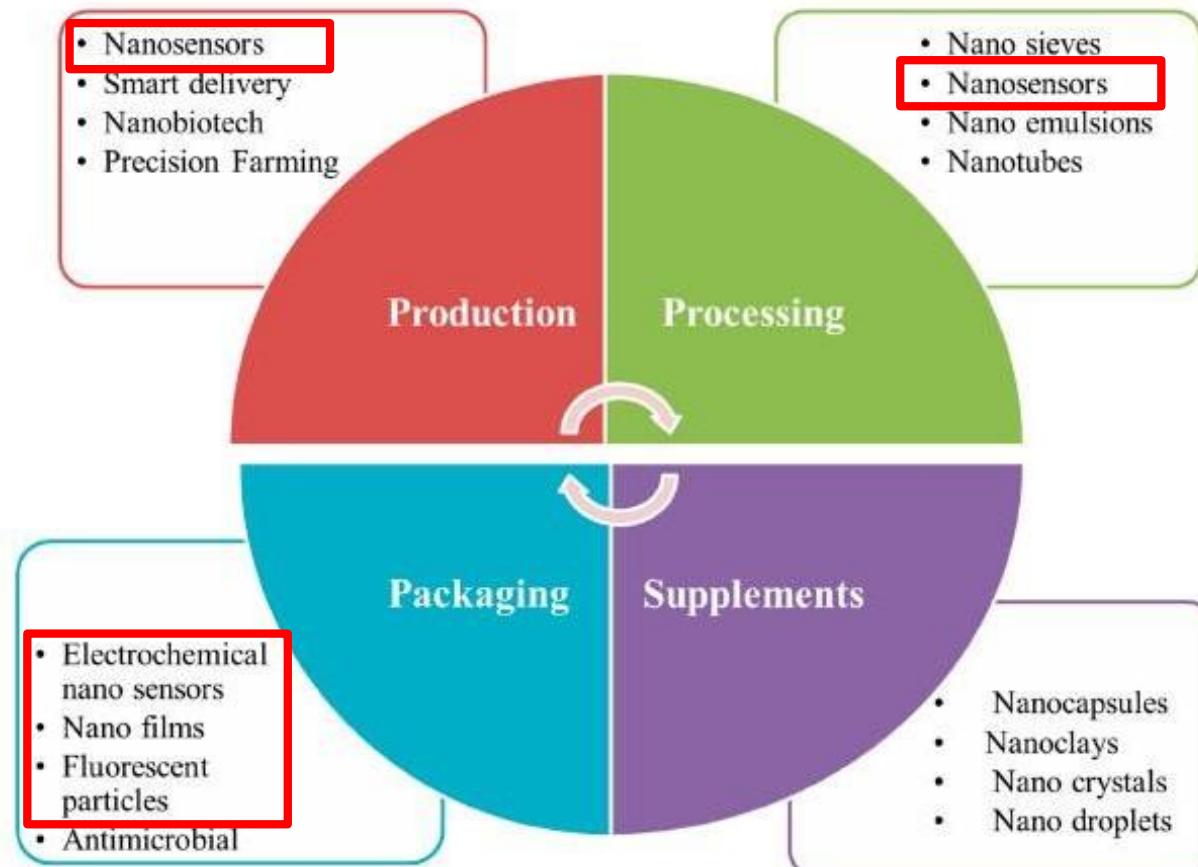


# Nanoparticles in food technology, an overview

Review

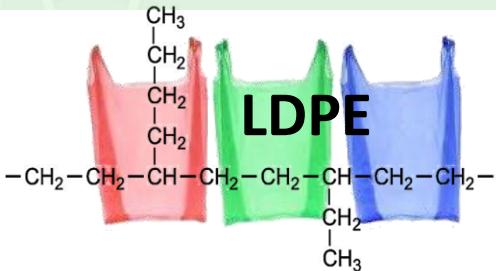
## An Overview of the Applications of Nanomaterials and Nanodevices in the Food Industry

Mehwish Shafiq <sup>1</sup>, Sumaira Anjum <sup>1,\*</sup>, Christophe Hano <sup>2</sup>, Iram Anjum <sup>1</sup> and Bilal Haider Abbasi <sup>3</sup>

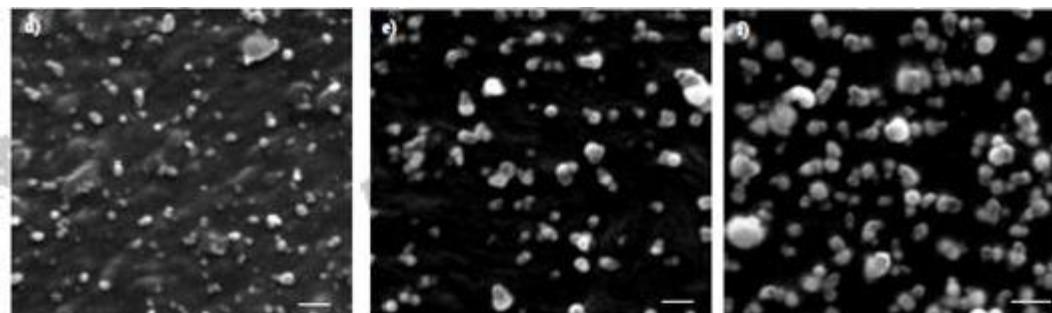
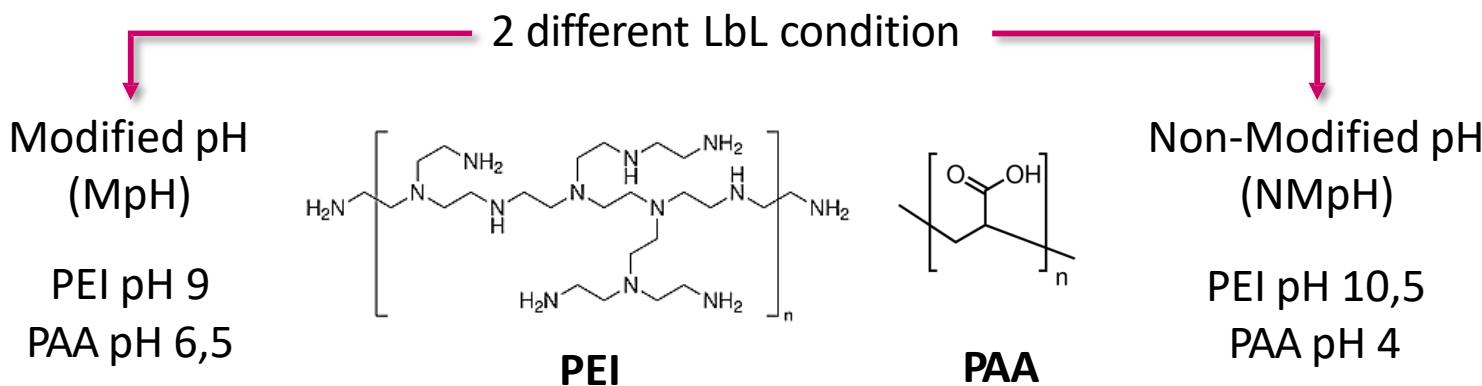


Nanomaterials	Type of Nanomaterials	Applications in Food Industry
Nanoparticles	Ag, ZnO, Mg, SiO <sub>2</sub>	Food packaging, oxidation of contaminant, anti-bacterial
Nanosieves	Specific nanoparticles	Removal of pathogens or contaminants
Nanocapsules	Bioactive compounds	Increased efficacy and water solubility, local and controlled release
Nano-emulsions	Tweens or spans; gum arabica or modified starch, soy, caseinate	Food encapsulation, food processing, antimicrobial and storage, stability, colorant
Nanospheres	Starch nanosphere	Food encapsulation, synthetic adhesives
Nanosensors	Aptasensors	Detection of micro-organisms, food deterioration control
Nanocochleates	Coiled Nanoparticles	Enhanced nutritional value of food, antioxidant, food protection and stability
Nanocomposite	Fe-Cr/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Ni/Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Enhanced shelf life of food, food protection and food packaging
Nanomicelles	Aquanova, novasol	Liquid carrier, enhanced solubility

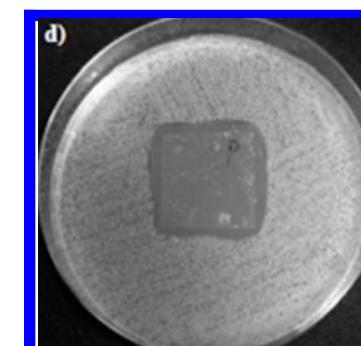
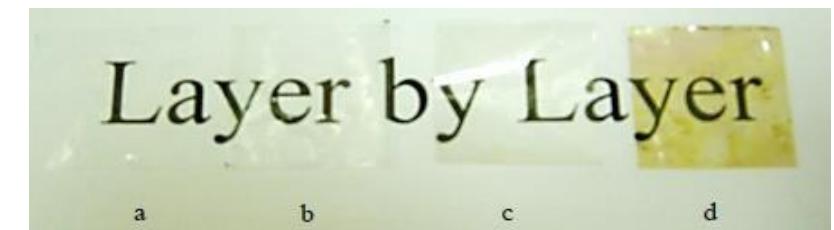
# Nanoparticles application in food technology



Commercial low-density polyethylene (LDPE) films coated using a layer-by-layer (LbL) technique by alternating the deposition of polyethylenimine (PEI), poly(acrylic acid) polymer (PAA) solutions and antimicrobial silver nanoparticles (Ag).

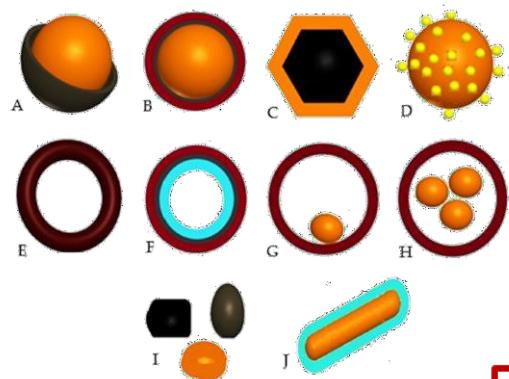


(d) LbL coated (3 coating) immersed in 0,5%  $\text{AgNO}_3$ , (e) LbL coated (3 coatings) immersed in 2%  $\text{AgNO}_3$ ; and (f) LbL coated (3 coatings) immersed in 5%  $\text{AgNO}_3$ . Scale bar = 500nm



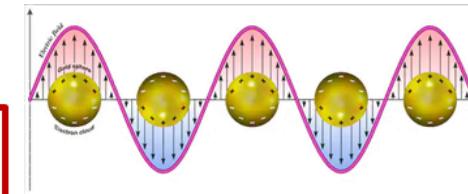
Film	Inhibition zone (mm <sup>2</sup> )	
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>P. fluorescens</i>
LPDE films	0.00	0.00
LPDE + PEI/PAA (MpH)	$350.4 \pm 13.30$	$694.8 \pm 19.15$
LPDE + PEI/PAA (NMpH)	$460.0 \pm 25.41$	$737.0 \pm 15.08$

# Advantages of metal nanoparticles for analytical purposes



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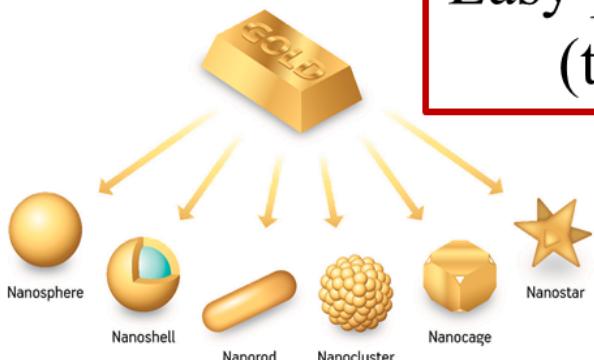
High conductivity



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Easy preparation  
(tunable)

MNPs

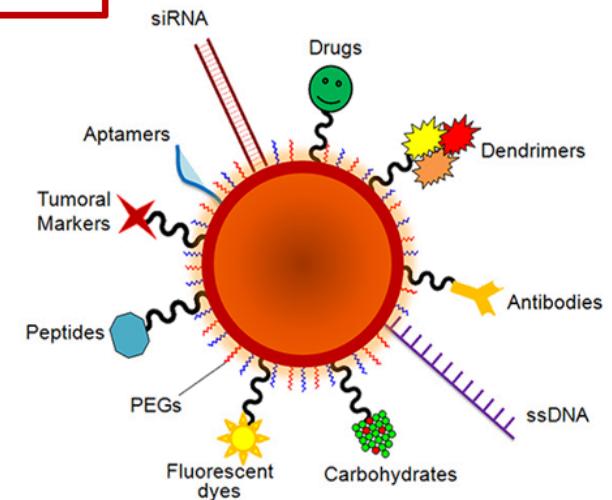


Good  
biocompatibility

Robust / stable

(Inher)

Surface  
(Bio)functionalization



**Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance (LSPR)** is a phenomenon where conduction electrons on the surface of metal nanoparticles oscillate collectively in resonance with the electromagnetic field of incident light. This effect occurs in nanoparticles of certain metals, such as gold (Au), silver (Ag), and copper (Cu), when they are illuminated by light of specific wavelengths.

## Key Features of LSPR

### 1. Localized Nature:

The oscillation of electrons is confined to the surface of the nanoparticles due to their small size and interaction with light.

### 2. Size and Shape Dependence:

The resonance wavelength of LSPR is highly dependent on the size, shape, and composition of the nanoparticles. For example:

- a. Spherical gold nanoparticles typically resonate with red or green light.
- b. Rod-shaped particles may shift the resonance to infrared or other regions.

### 3. Material-Specific Behavior:

Noble metals like gold and silver exhibit strong LSPR because they have free electrons that can oscillate easily under an electromagnetic field.

### 4. Sensitivity to Environment:

The LSPR frequency is influenced by the surrounding medium, including the refractive index. This property makes LSPR highly sensitive for detecting changes in the local environment.

## Mechanism of LSPR

### 1. Interaction with Light:

When light strikes a metal nanoparticle, it causes the free conduction electrons (from the metal's conduction band) to oscillate collectively at a specific frequency.

### 2. Resonance:

If the frequency of light matches the natural oscillation frequency of the electrons, resonance occurs. This amplifies the oscillation and enhances the electromagnetic field around the nanoparticle.

### 3. Energy Dissipation:

The resonance leads to strong absorption (not as electronic transitions of molecules!) and scattering of light. The absorbed energy can dissipate as heat or radiate as scattered light.

## Applications of LSPR

### 1. Sensing:

**Biosensors:** Changes in the LSPR frequency can detect biomolecules binding to a nanoparticle's surface.

**Environmental Monitoring:** Detecting pollutants or chemical changes in a medium.

### 2. Medical Imaging:

Enhanced contrast in imaging techniques due to strong light scattering by nanoparticles.

### 3. Photothermal Therapy:

Gold nanoparticles can absorb light at their LSPR frequency, converting it into heat for targeted cancer treatments.

### 4. Catalysis:

Enhanced catalytic activity due to the intense localized electromagnetic field at the nanoparticle surface.

### 5. Optoelectronic Devices:

LSPR enhances light-matter interaction, improving the efficiency of devices like solar cells and LEDs.

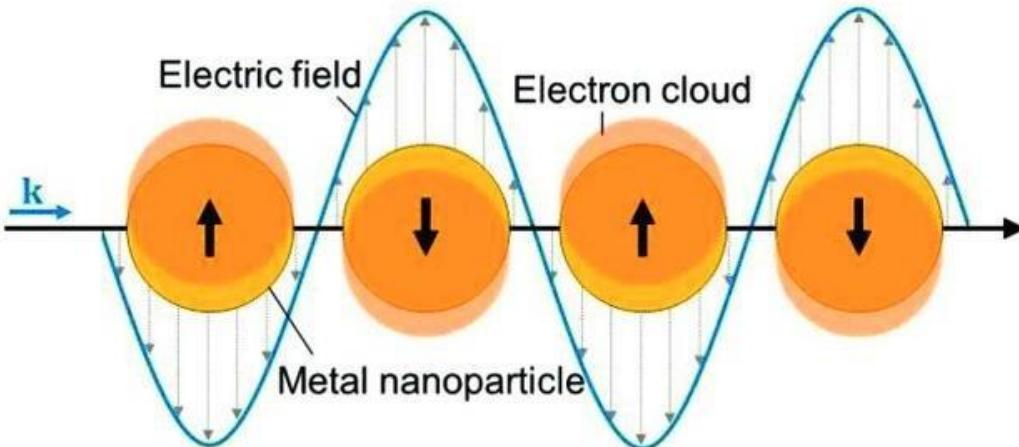
## Advantages of LSPR

- High sensitivity to small environmental changes.
- Tunable properties by modifying the nanoparticle size, shape, and material.
- Versatility in biological, chemical, and physical applications.

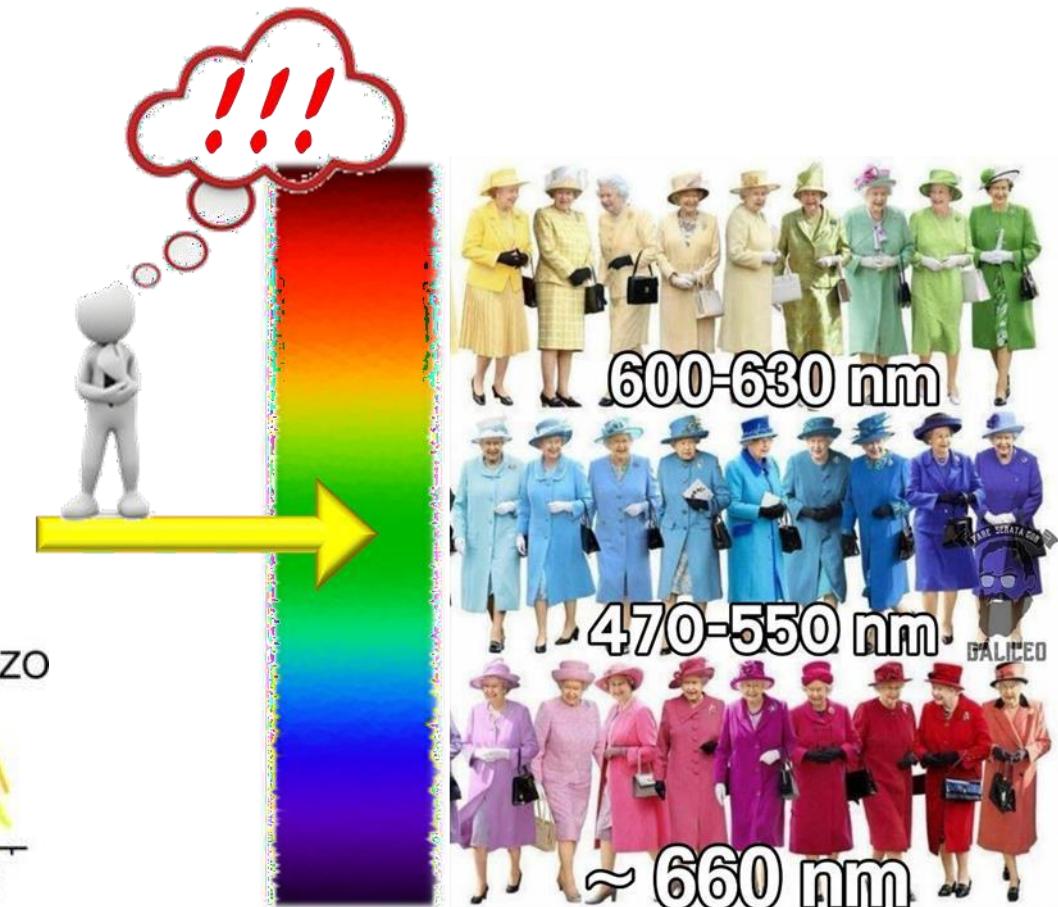
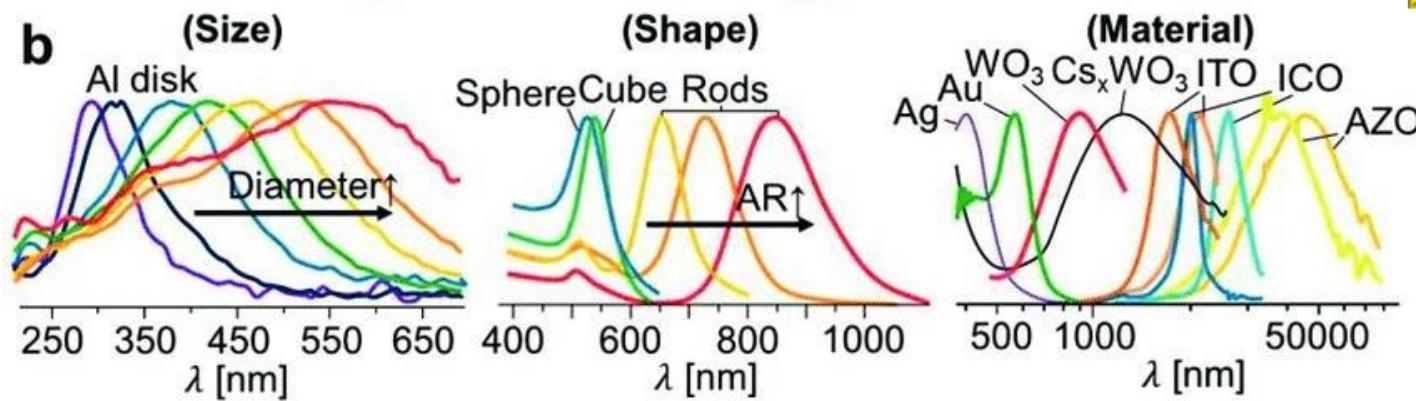
# Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance (LSPR)

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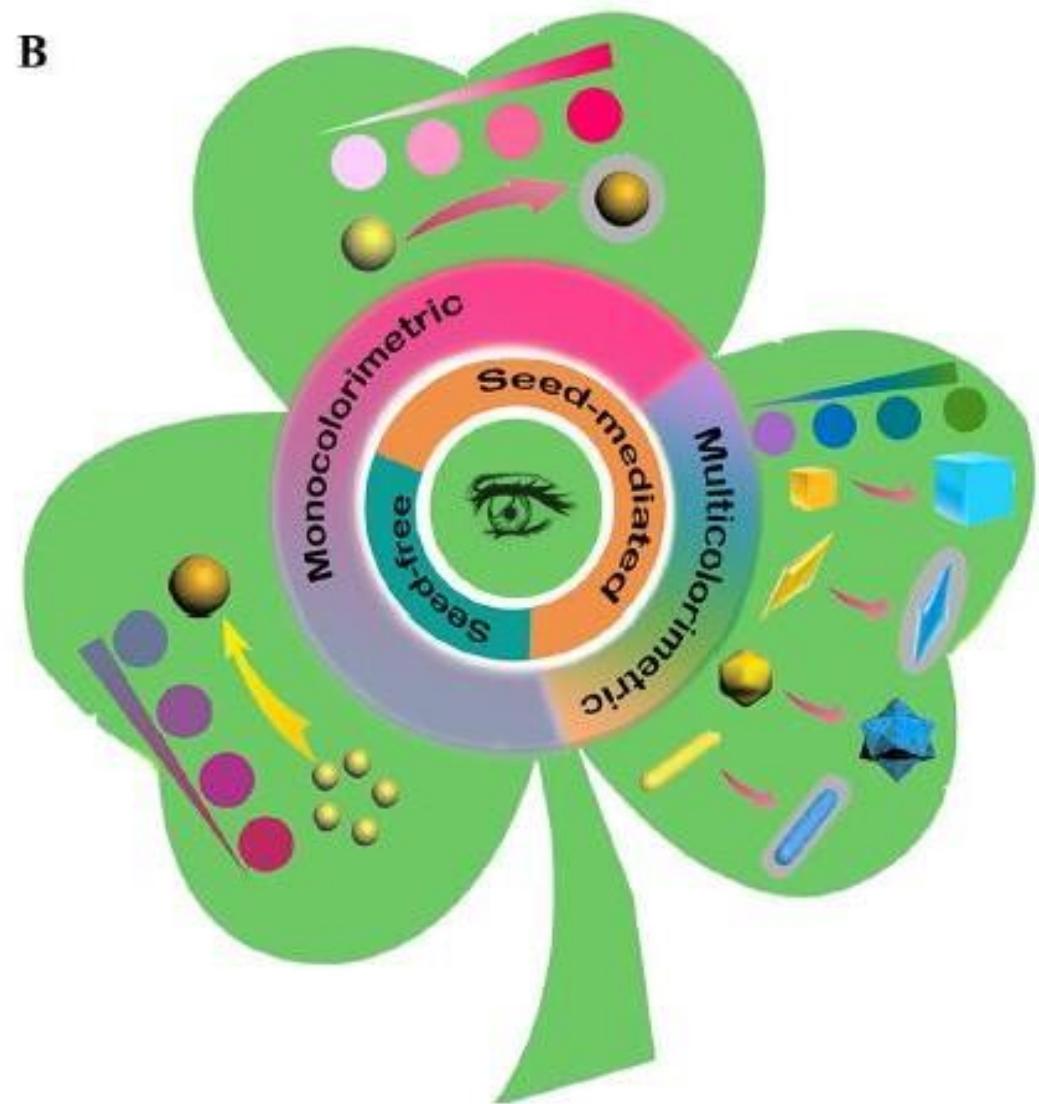
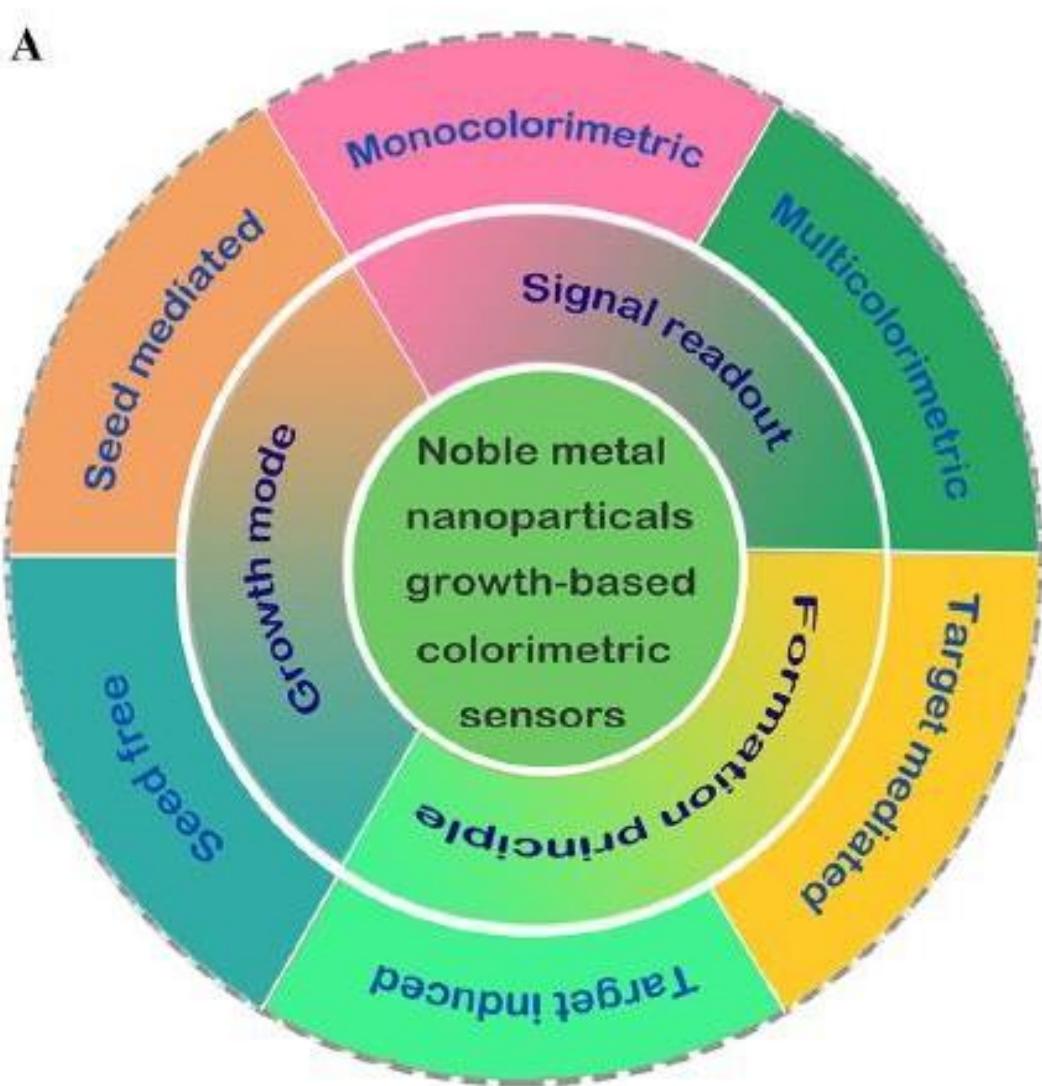
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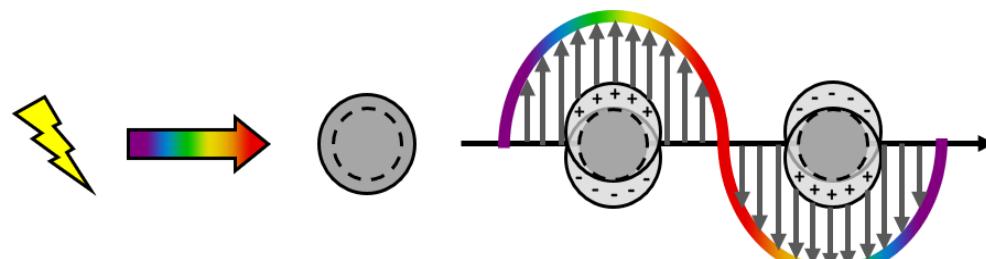
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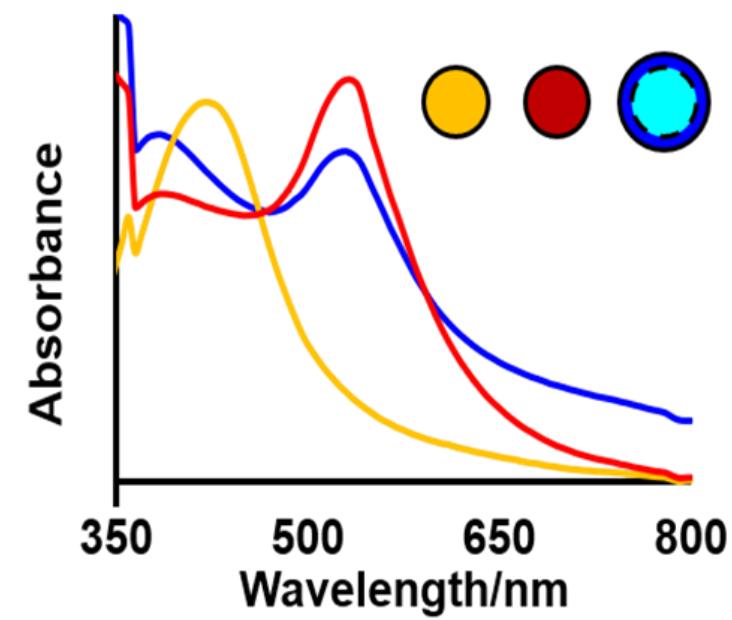
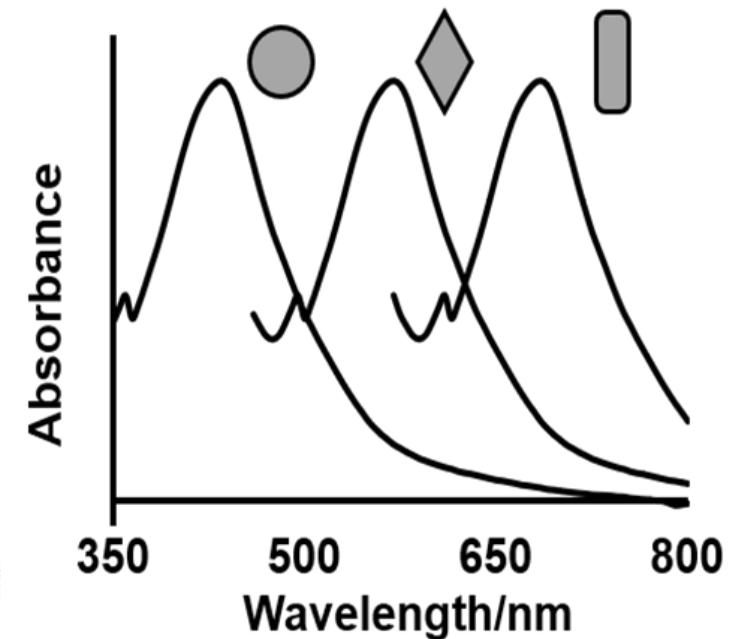
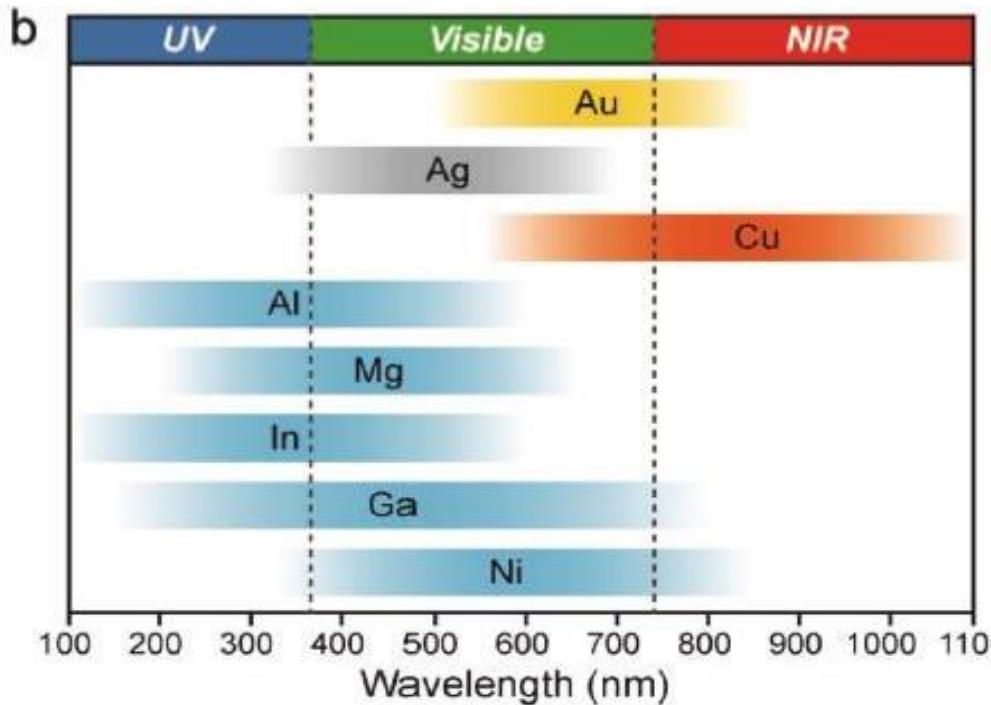
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# Metal nanoparticles optical key features



**Localized Surface  
Plasmon  
Resonance**



# Plasmonic-active nanostructured materials for sensing and biosensing

## Colloidal metal nanoparticles based assays



Plasmonic colorimetric sensors based on etching and growth of noble metal nanoparticles: Strategies and applications  
Zhiyong Zhang<sup>a,b</sup>, Han Wang<sup>a</sup>, Zhaopeng Chen<sup>a,\*</sup>, Xiaoyan Wang<sup>b</sup>, Jaebum Choo<sup>a,c</sup>, Lingxin Chen<sup>a,c</sup>



Colorimetric detection of sugars based on gold nanoparticle formation  
Gerardo Palazzo<sup>a</sup>, Laura Facchini<sup>a</sup>, Antonia Mallardi<sup>b,\*</sup>



Colorimetric detection of glucose based on gold nanoparticles coupled with silver nanoparticles  
Yan Gao, Yiting Wu, Junwei Di \*



Optical nanoprobe based on gold nanoparticles for sugar sensing  
Matteo Scampicchio, Alessandra Arecchi and Saverio Mannino

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OPEN Multicolor Colormetric Biosensor for the Determination of Glucose based on the Etching of Gold Nanorods  
Yue Lin<sup>a</sup>, Mengmeng Diao<sup>a</sup>, Yiqian Guo<sup>a</sup>, Haoming Ma<sup>a</sup>, Fang Lou<sup>a</sup>, Longhua Guo<sup>a</sup>, Bin Guo<sup>a</sup>, Guozhen Chen<sup>a</sup> & Jianyu Liu<sup>a</sup>



A self-referenced optical colorimetric sensor based on silver and gold nanoparticles for quantitative determination of hydrogen peroxide  
Pedro J. Rivero<sup>a,\*</sup>, Elia Blaizet<sup>a</sup>, Javier Goicoechea<sup>a</sup>, Aitor Urrutia<sup>a</sup>, Ignacio R. Matias<sup>a</sup>, Francisco J. Arregui<sup>a</sup>



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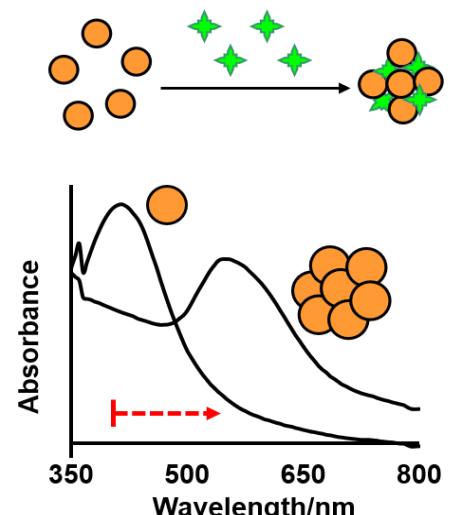
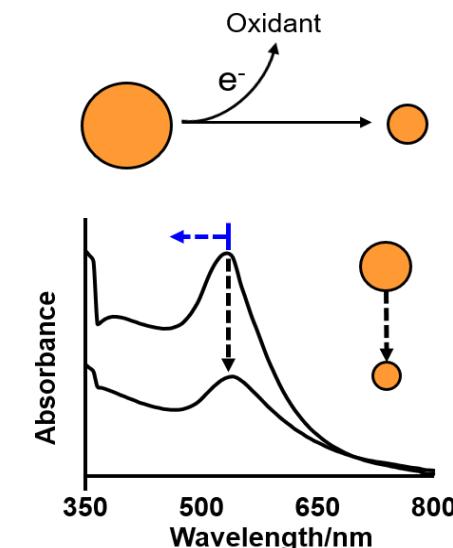
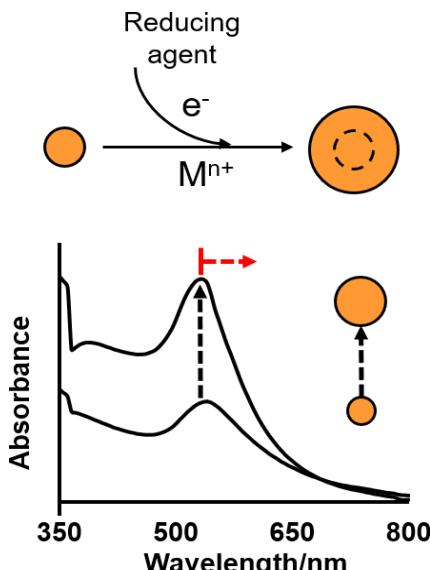
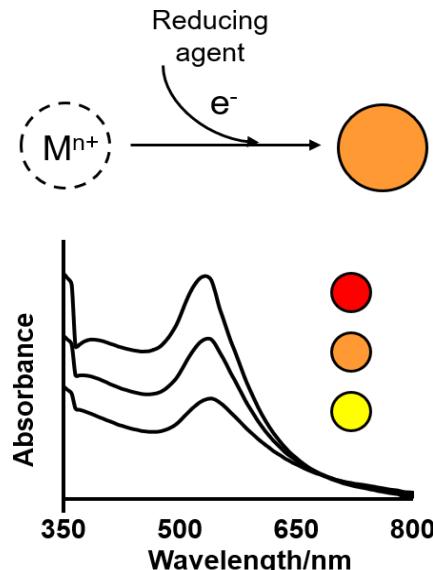


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Xuehong Zhang<sup>a</sup>, Min Wei<sup>a</sup>, Bingbing Lv<sup>a</sup>, Yuanjian Liu<sup>a</sup>, Xu Liu<sup>a</sup> and Wei Wei<sup>a</sup>

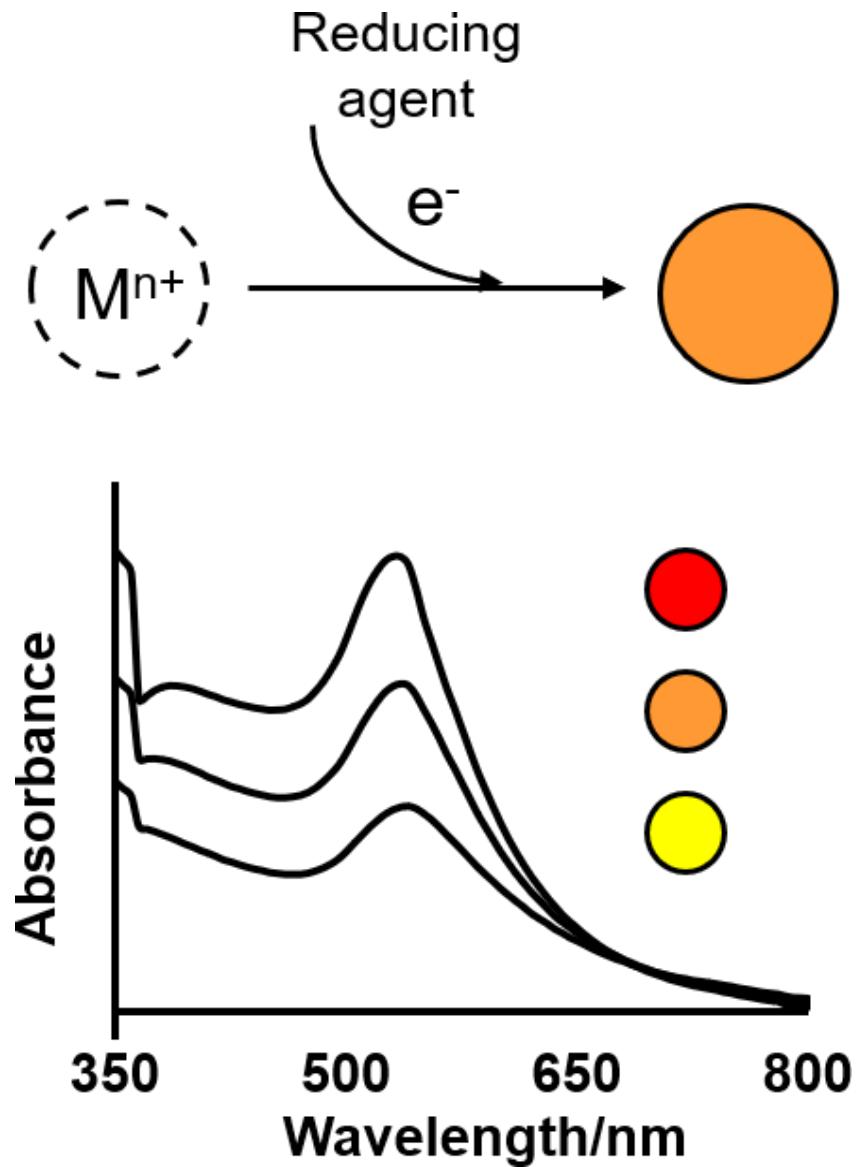


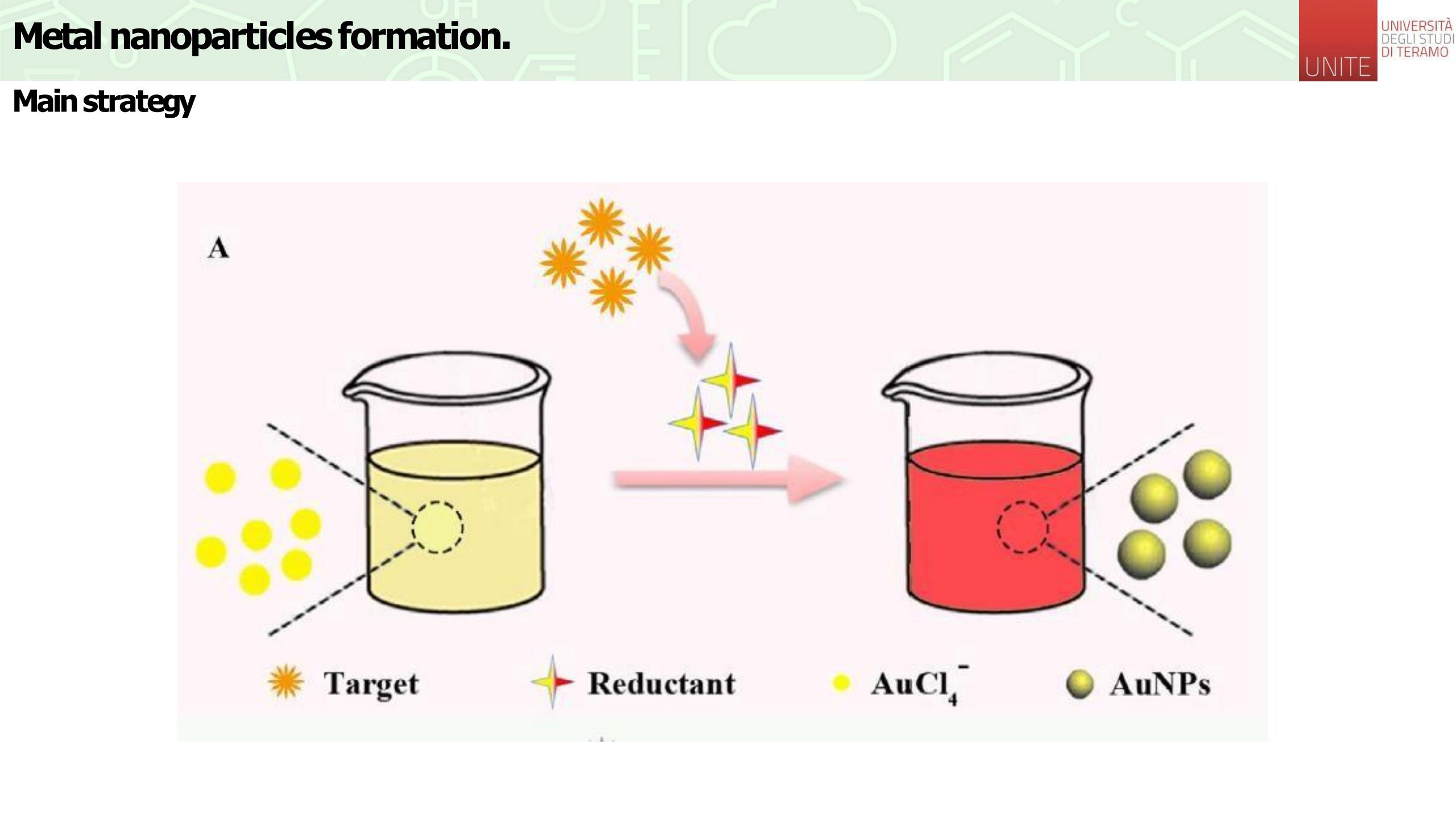
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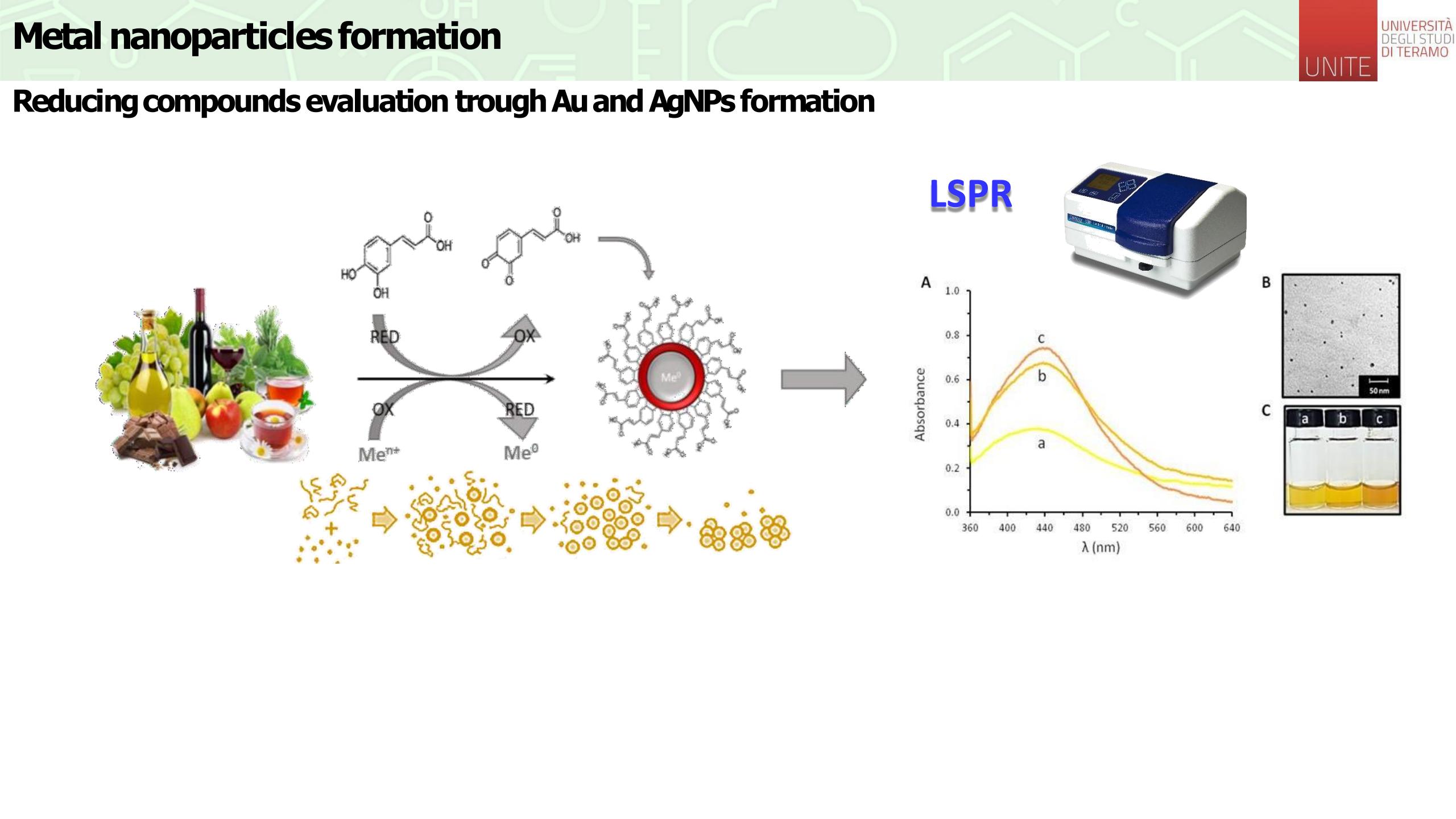
## Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance



# Metal nanoparticles formation







## Phenolic content and antioxidant capacity evaluation through Au and AgNPs formation



Review

### Nanomaterial-Based Sensing and Biosensing of Phenolic Compounds and Related Antioxidant Capacity in Food

Flavio Della Pelle and Dario Compagnone

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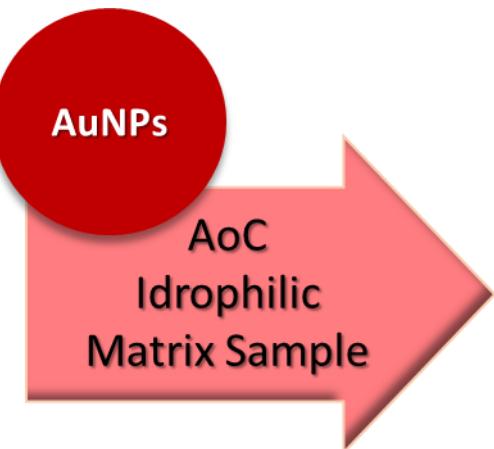


Table 11.1: Food antioxidants.

Antioxidant	Subclasses	Formula	Examples	Sources
Phenolic acids	Hydroxybenzoic acids	$C_6-C_1$	Gallic acid, <i>p</i> -hydroxybenzoic acid, protocatechuic acid, vanillic acid, syringic acid	Blackberry, raspberry, tea
Flavonoids	Hydroxycinnamic acids	$C_6-C_3$	Caffeic acid, ferulic acid, <i>p</i> -coumaric acid, sinapic acid	Blueberry, coffee
	Flavonols	$C_6-C_3-C_6$	Quercetin, kaempferol	Onions, leeks, broccoli
	Flavones		Apigenin, luteolin	Parsley, celery
	Flavanones		Naringenin, hesperetin, eriodictyol	Orange, grapefruit, lemon
	Flavanols		Catechin, epicatechin	Tea, chocolate
	Isoflavones		Genistein, daidzein, glycitein	Soy
Carotenoids	Anthocyanidins	$C_{40}H_{56}O_n$	Cyanidin, malvidin, delphinidin	Berries
	Xanthophylls		$\beta$ -Cryptoxanthin, lutein, zeaxanthin, neoxanthin, violaxanthin, $\alpha$ -cryptoxanthin	Peppers, green leafy vegetables
	Carotenes	$C_{40}H_{56}$	$\alpha$ -Carotene, $\beta$ -carotene, lycopene	Pumpkin, carrot, tomato
Vitamins	Vitamin C	$C_6H_8O_6$		Citrus fruits, kiwi, strawberry
	Vitamin E	$C_{29}H_{50}O_2$	Tocopherols, tocotrienols	Nuts, seeds, fish oil, whole grains

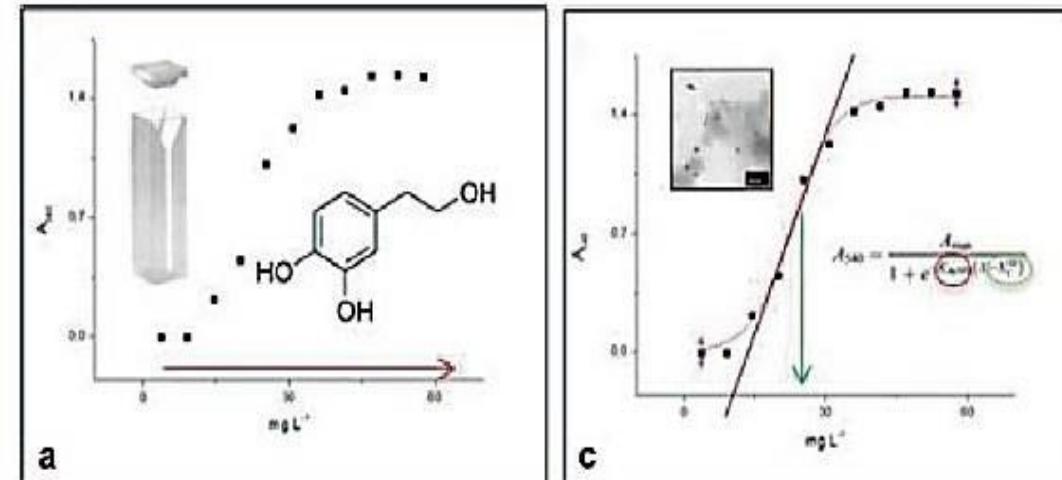
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# Polyphenols sensing

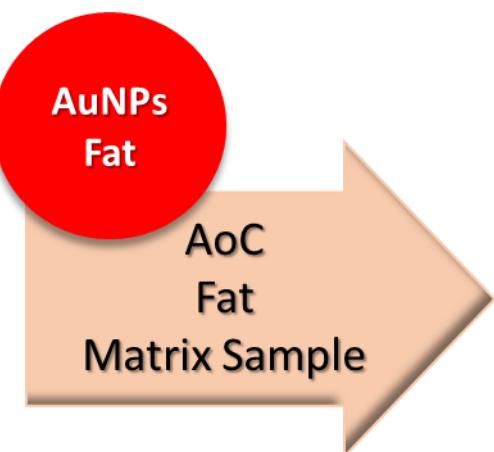


- AoC evaluation
- The pH (8) avoid sugar interference
- High correlation with classical methods for antioxidant determination
- Sensitivity to intrinsic antioxidant power (o-diphenols most reactive)

Total assay time: 25 min

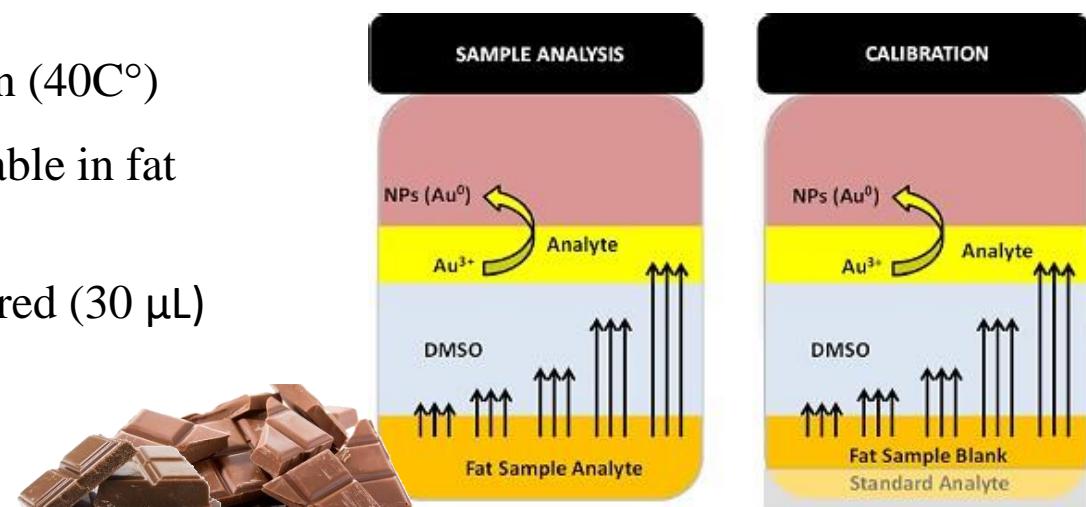


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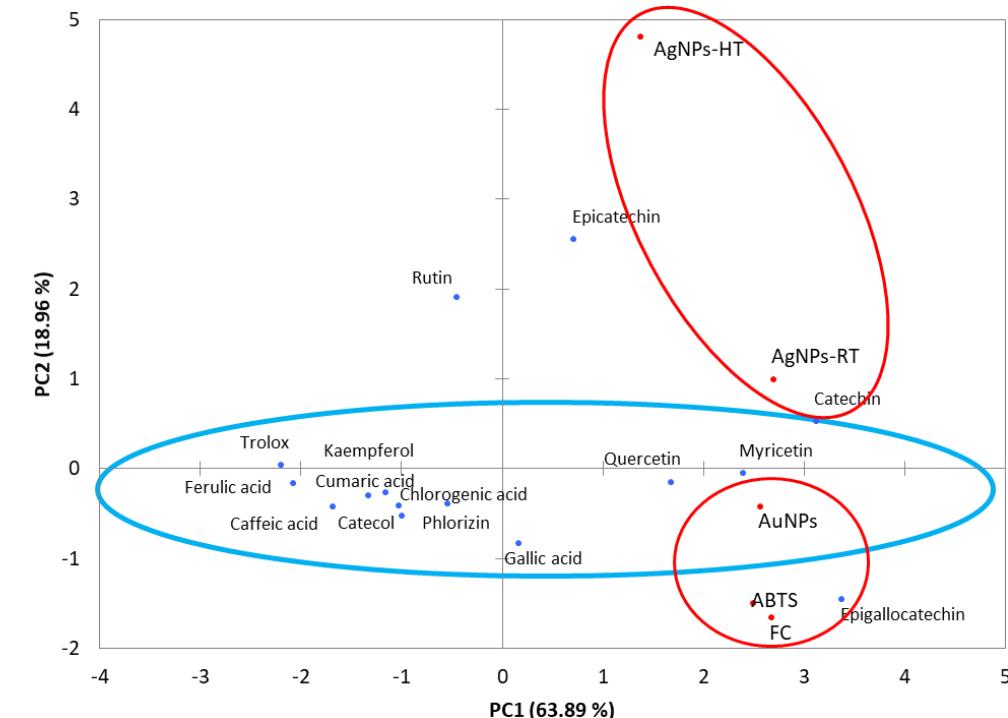
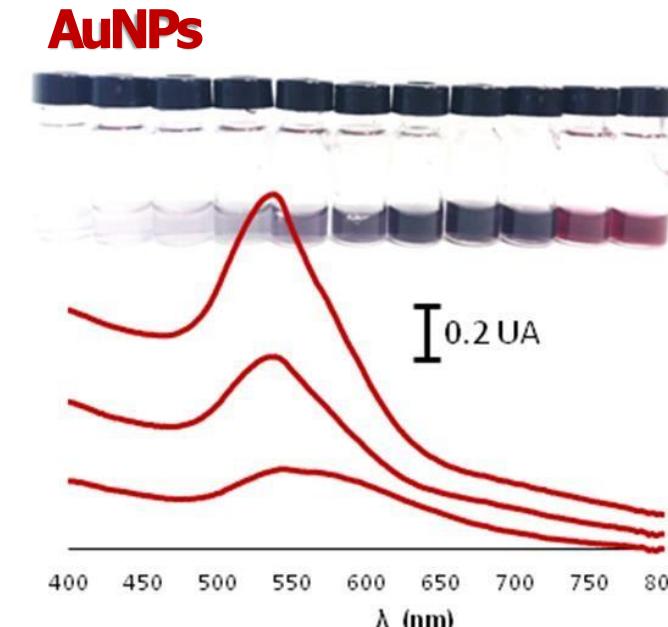
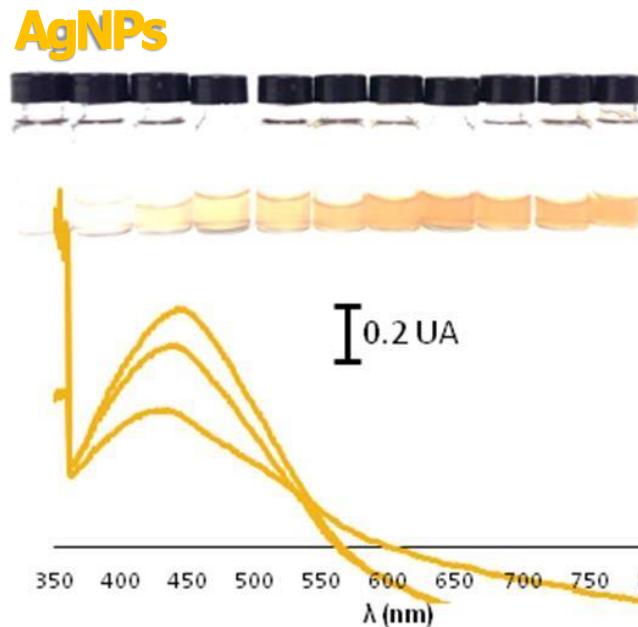
- Total polyphenols determination (40C°)
- Extraction free: directly applicable in fat sample matrix
- Low amount of sample is required (30 µL)
- Rapid and robust
- Sensitive

Total assay time: 10 min



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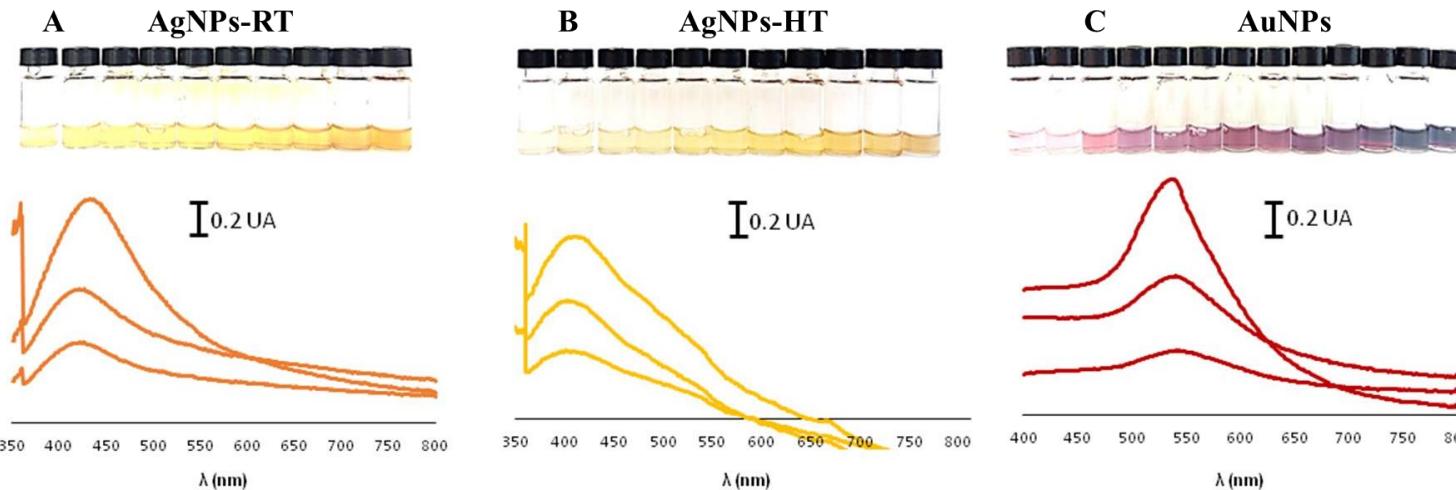
## Phenolic content and antioxidant capacity evaluation trough Au and AgNPs formation



R	ABTS	FC	AgNPs-HT	AgNPs-RT	AuNPs
<b>ABTS</b>	1 (p = 0)	0.876 (p = 0.002)	0.891 (p = 0.001)	0.956 (p = 0.000)	0.977 (p = 0.000)
<b>FC</b>	0.876 (p = 0.002)	1 (p = 0)	0.733 (p = 0.025)	0.913 (p = 0.001)	0.801 (p = 0.009)
<b>AgNPs-HT</b>	0.891 (p = 0.001)	0.733 (p = 0.025)	1 (p = 0)	0.770 (p = 0.015)	0.826 (p = 0.006)
<b>AgNPs-RT</b>	<b>0.956</b> (p = < 0.0001)	<b>0.913</b> (p = 0.001)	0.770 (p = 0.015)	1 (p = 0)	<b>0.950</b> (p = < 0.0001)
<b>AuNPs</b>	<b>0.977</b> (p = < 0.0001)	<b>0.801</b> (p = 0.009)	0.826 (p = 0.006)	<b>0.950</b> (p = < 0.0001)	1 (p = 0)

# Metal nanoparticles formation

## Phenolic content and antioxidant capacity evaluation in teas and infuses



**VT:** Vanilla Tea  
**TG:** Green Tea  
**TC:** Classic Tea  
**SD:** sogni d'oro infused  
**RE:** Relax infused

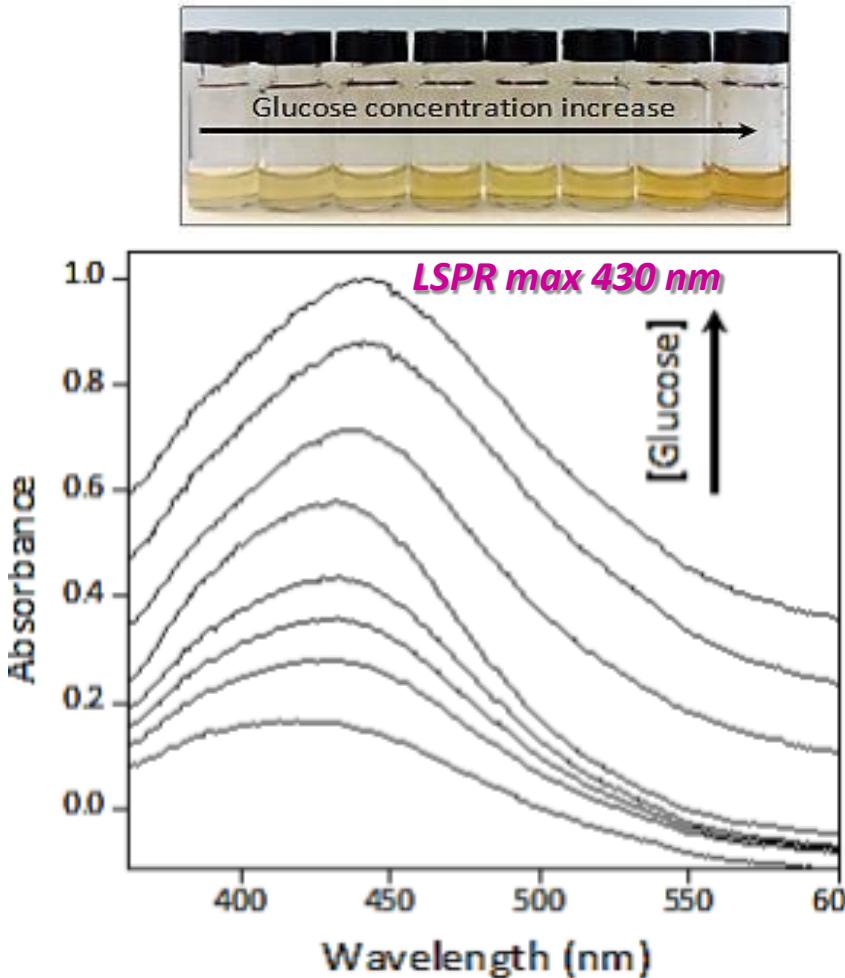
**RB:** Rosa di bosco Infused  
**LT:** Lemon Tea  
**IN:** Finocchio infused  
**DIG:** Digestiva infused

MNPs spectra obtained with AgNPs-RT (A), AgNPs-HT (B) and AuNPs (C) assays using increasing volume of the sample 'RE' ('relax')

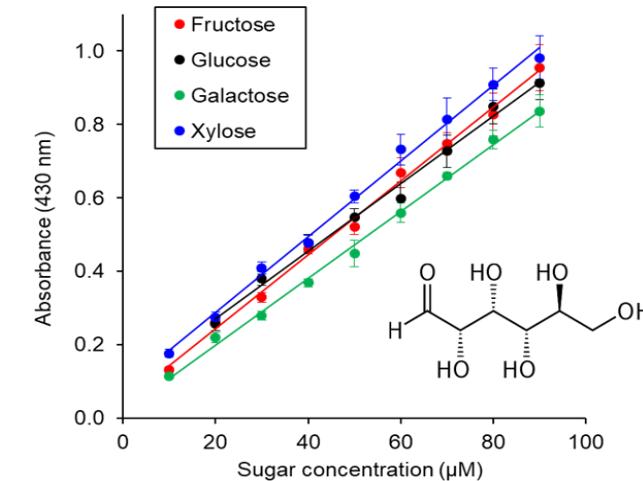
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<b>AgNPs-RT</b>	8.66	4	1.20	9	9.91	5	5.31	3	9.12	8	9.62	7	49.50	8	143.01	3	52.19	4
<b>AgNPs-HT</b>	11.10	9	12.52	9	14.73	5			7.78	10	6.98	14	13.33	6	24.42	7	7.82	12
<b>AuNPs</b>	18.63	5	1.52	7	15.64	2	15.86	5	15.58	7	14.03	5	20.56	6	132.35	3	27.95	4
<b>ABTS</b>	3.03	12	1.12	14	11.26	7	0.70	14	2.13	9	2.21	12	11.55	8	54.57	5	8.92	7
<b>FC</b>	5.98	4	2.51	11	14.54	3	3.70	10	5.51	4	5.42	5	21.10	7	30.54	8	16.79	6

# Metal nanoparticles formation

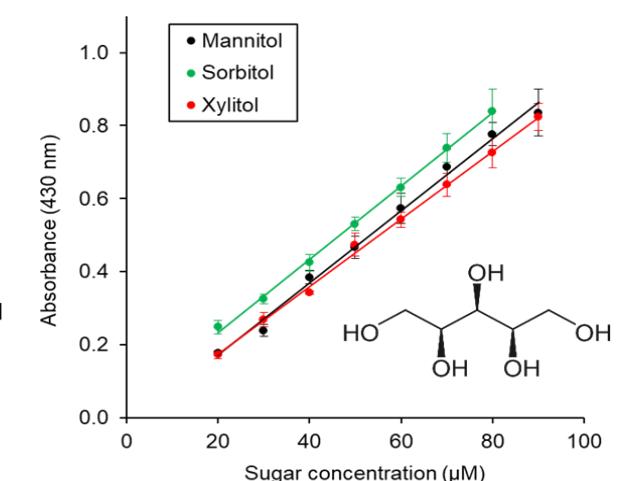
## Sugars content evaluation trough AgNPs formation



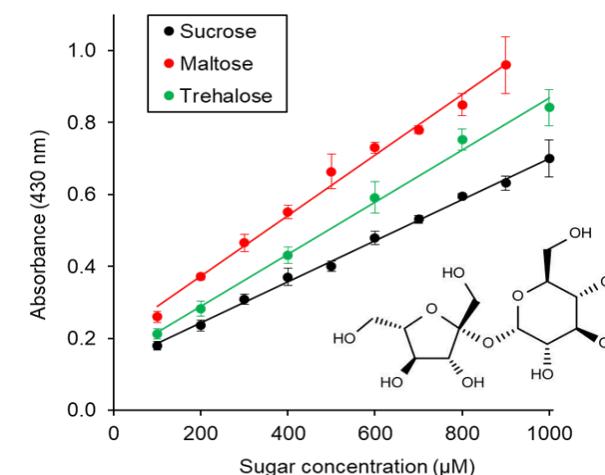
### Monosaccharides



### Polyols



### Diosaccharides



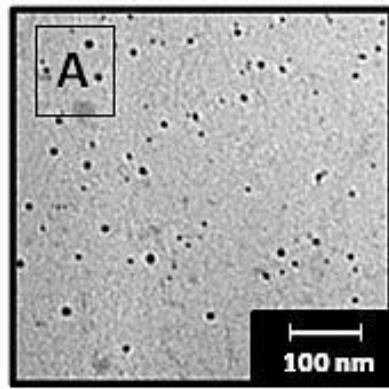
# Metal nanoparticles formation

## AgNPs Morphological study

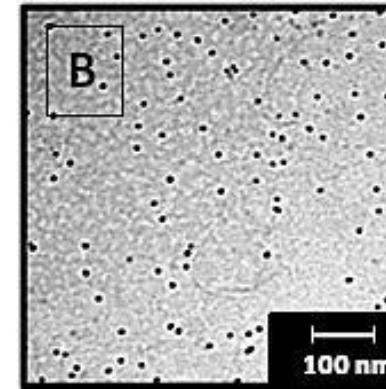
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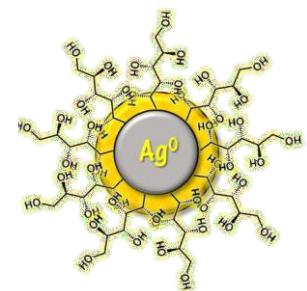
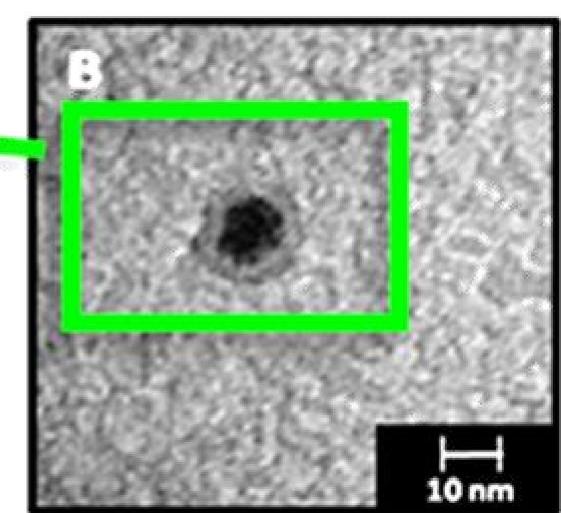
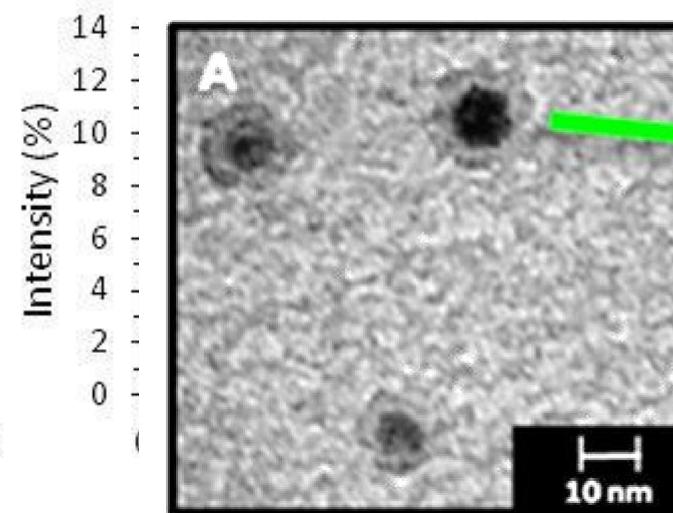
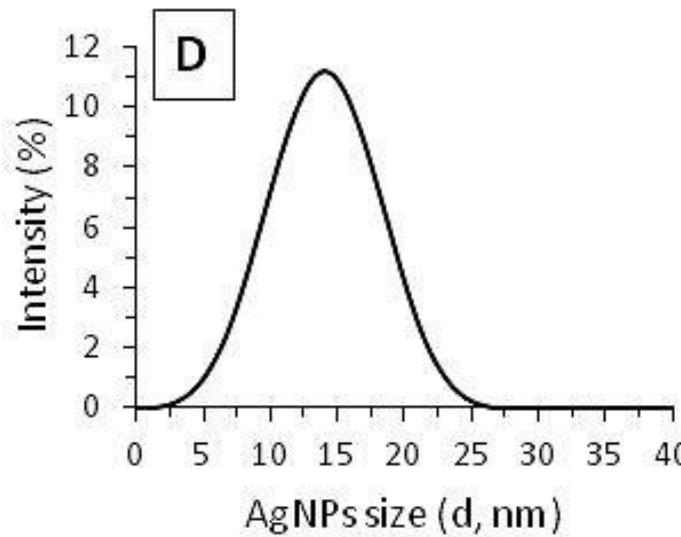
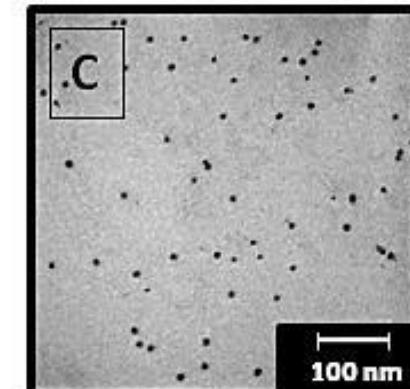
## Glucose



## Sucrose



## Xylitol



## Determination of total sugars in real samples: AgNPs method vs. ion chromatography

### Sample analysis

#### Samples challenged

- Soft drinks n° 6
- Apple extracts n° 6

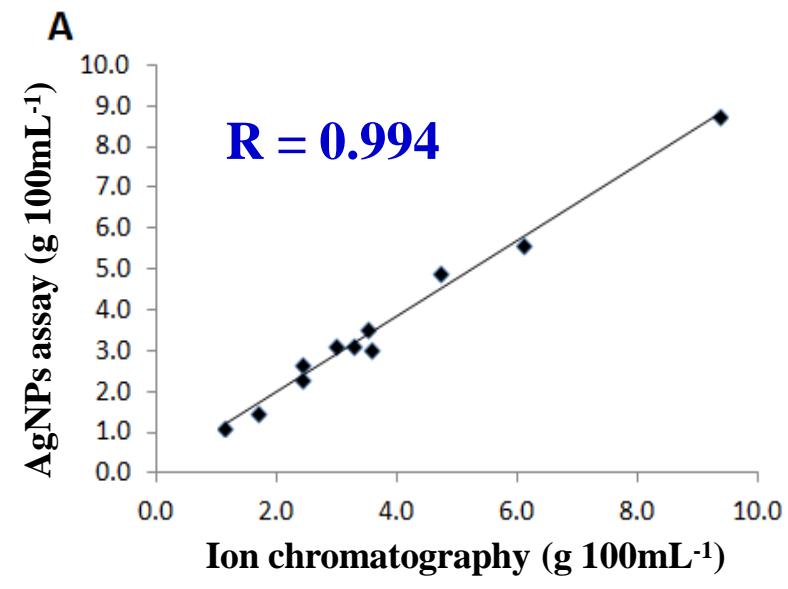


Sample	AgNPs assay (g 100 mL <sup>-1</sup> , Glu. Eq.)	RSD (%, n = 5)	Ion chromatography (g 100 mL <sup>-1</sup> , Glu + Fru)	RSD (%, n = 3)	AgNPs assay relative error (%)
Peach tea	2.98 ± 0.14	4.74	3.13 ± 0.08	2.71	+ 5.0
Black tea	3.56 ± 0.23	6.51	3.05 ± 0.11	3.56	- 14.3
Coconut water	4.72 ± 0.13	2.84	4.93 ± 0.05	0.98	+ 4.4
Gaseous	3.50 ± 0.25	7.23	3.53 ± 0.04	1.21	+ 0.9
Cedrata	9.36 ± 0.27	2.85	8.74 ± 0.78	8.9	- 6.6
Tonic water	6.11 ± 0.07	1.15	5.62 ± 0.12	2.11	- 8.0
Apple 1	1.67 ± 0.02	1.12	1.50 ± 0.02	1.11	- 10.2
Apple 2	1.14 ± 0.04	3.41	1.14 ± 0.02	1.78	0.0
Apple 3	3.27 ± 0.04	1.30	3.12 ± 0.10	3.10	- 4.6
Apple 4	2.43 ± 0.23	9.42	2.67 ± 0.11	4.10	+ 9.9
Apple 5	2.43 ± 0.02	0.74	2.31 ± 0.9	3.80	- 5.0

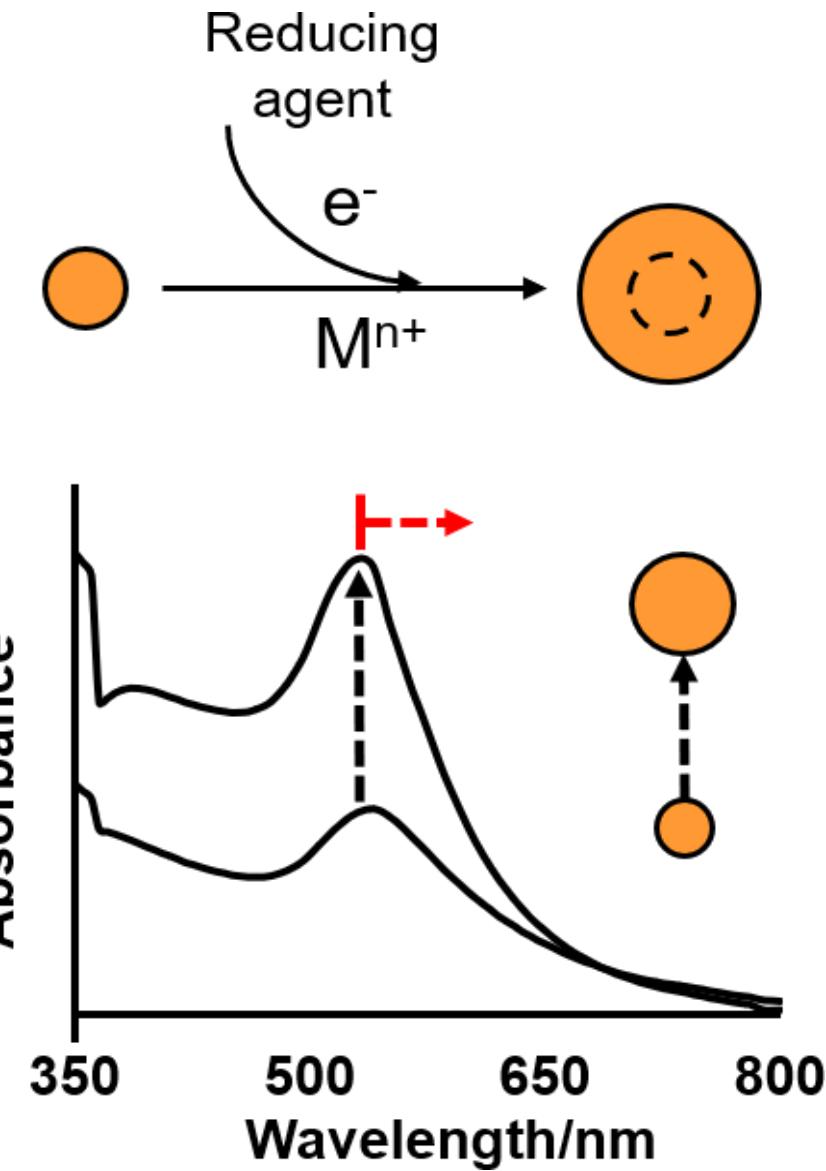
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Recovery between 86 % and 118 %

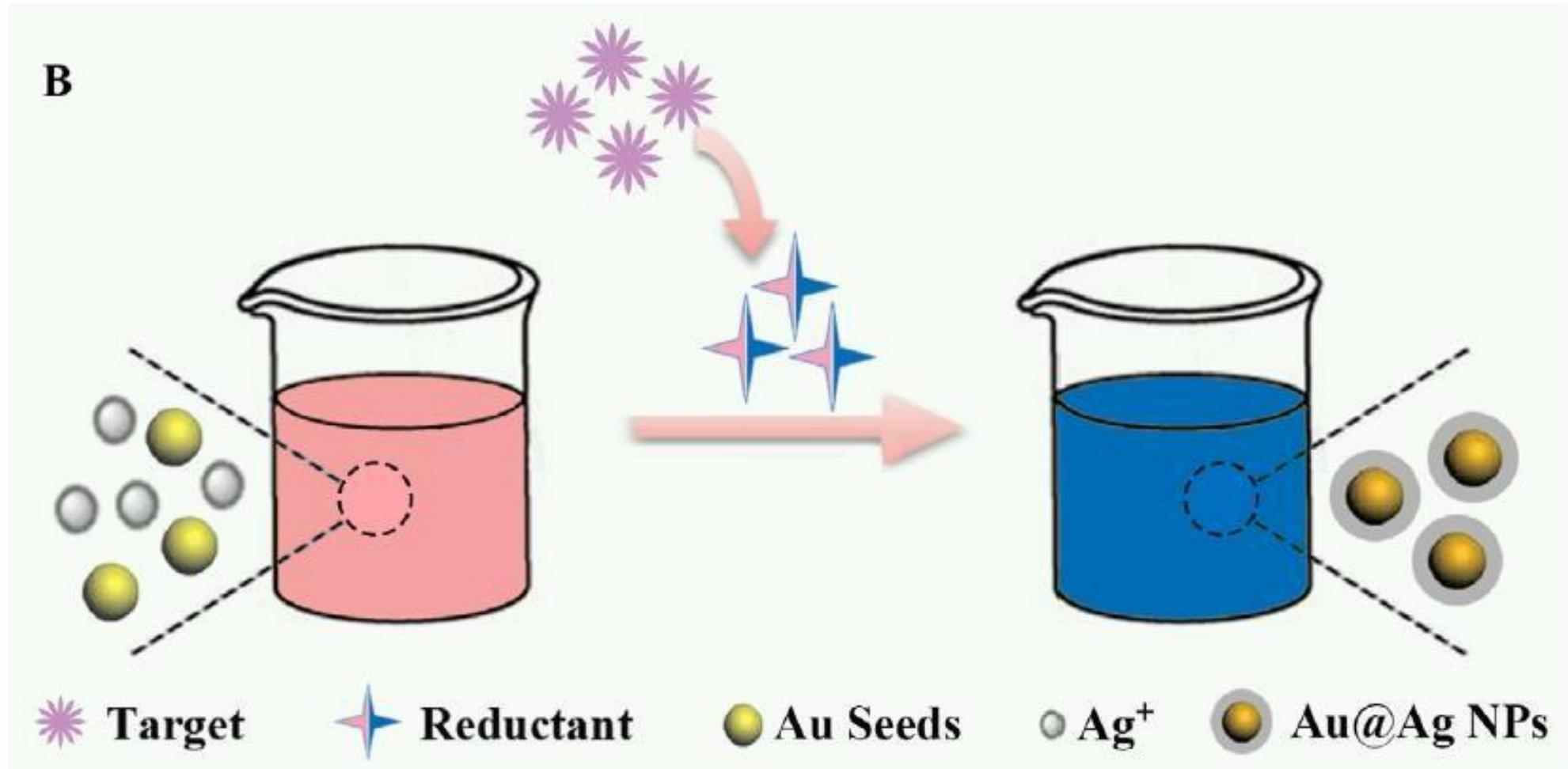
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# Metal nanoparticle-based seed-growth strategies

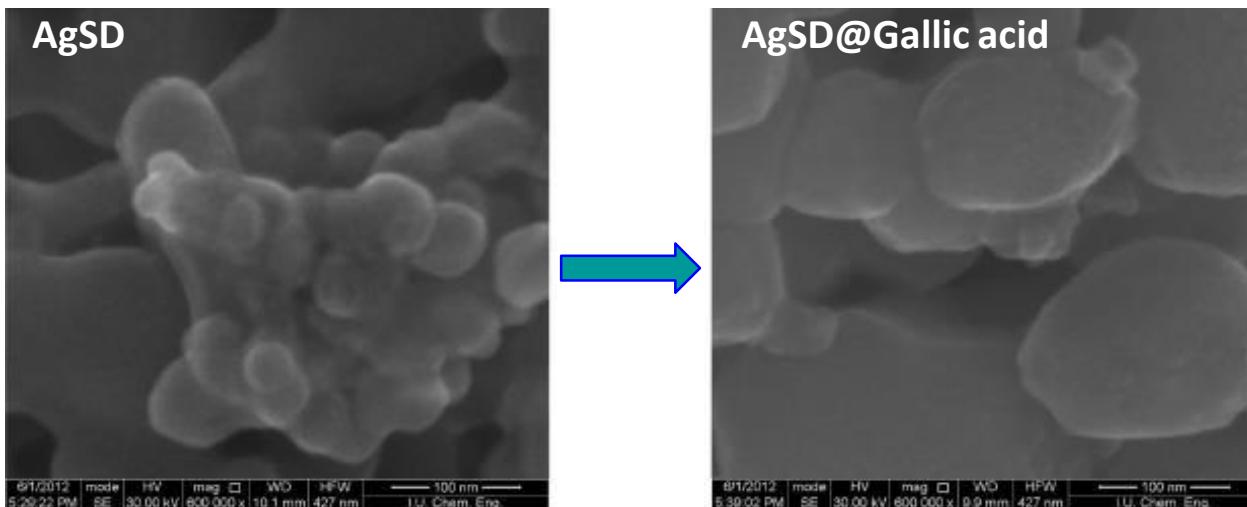
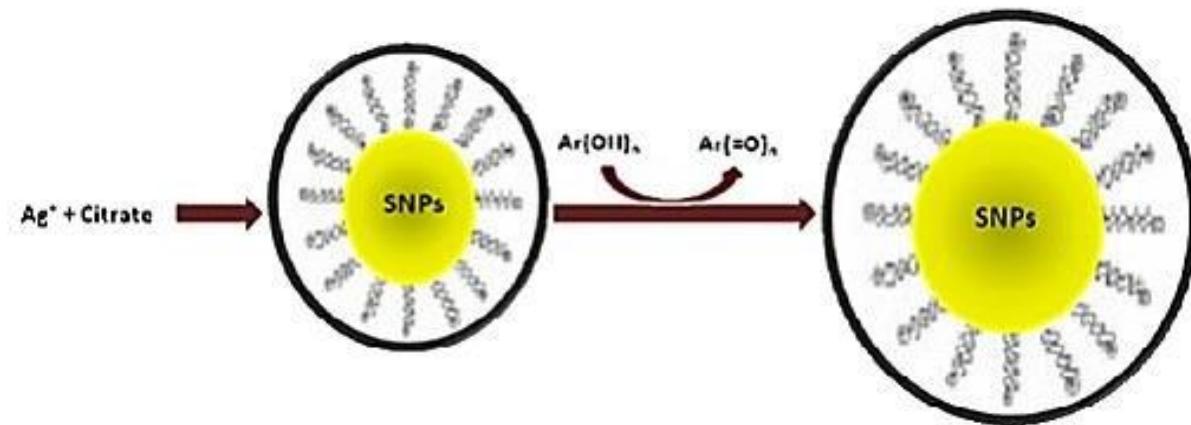


## Main strategy



# Metal nanoparticles growth

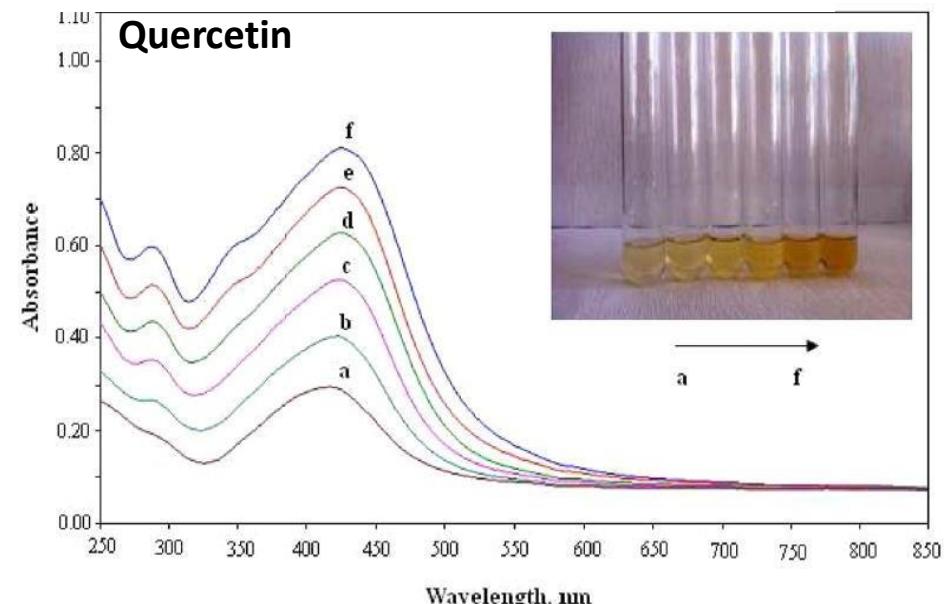
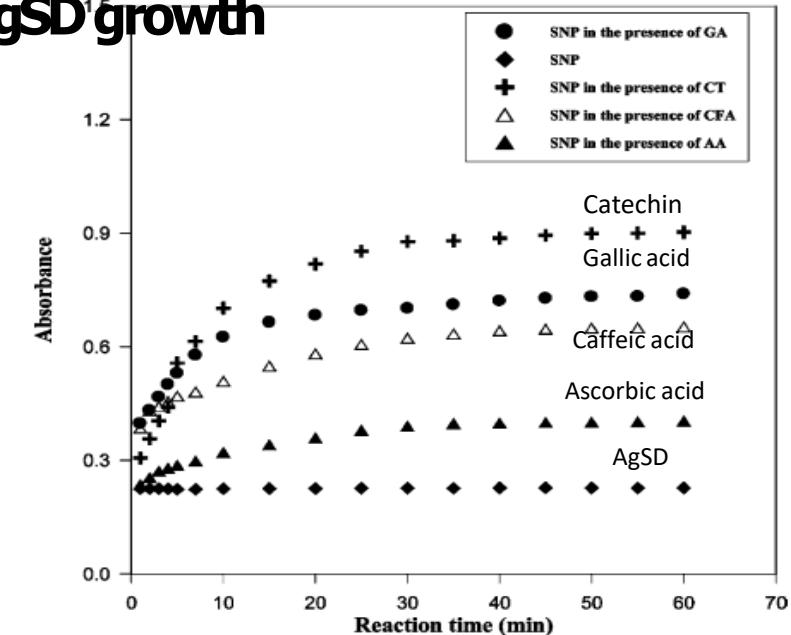
## Phenolic content and antioxidant capacity evaluation through AgSD<sup>®</sup> growth



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## Development of a Silver Nanoparticle-Based Method for the Antioxidant Capacity Measurement of Polyphenols

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# Metal nanoparticles growth

## Phenolic content and antioxidant capacity evaluation via AgSD growth Standards evaluation ad sample analysis

Table 1. Linear Equations, Correlation Coefficients ( $r$ ), TEAC Coefficients,<sup>a</sup> and Linear Ranges for Antioxidants, with Respect to the Proposed SNPAC Method

antioxidants	linear equation and correlation coefficients	linear range ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	TEAC <sub>SNPAC</sub>	TEAC <sub>CUPRAC</sub> <sup>b</sup>
Simple Phenolic Acids				
gallic acid	$A = 2.27 \times 10^4c + 0.01$ ( $r = 0.9991$ )	1.67–52.30	2.91	2.62
Hydroxycinnamic Acids				
rosmarinic acid	$A = 3.90 \times 10^4c + 0.01$ ( $r = 0.9977$ )	1.02–30.51	5.02	5.30
cafeic acid	$A = 1.93 \times 10^4c + 0.02$ ( $r = 0.9990$ )	1.55–61.14	2.47	2.80
chlorogenic acid	$A = 2.37 \times 10^4c + 0.02$ ( $r = 0.9981$ )	1.26–49.79	3.04	2.47
Flavonols				
quercetin	$A = 2.99 \times 10^4c + 0.01$ ( $r = 0.9995$ )	1.33–39.80	3.83	4.38
fisetin	$A = 2.82 \times 10^4c - 0.019$ ( $r = 0.9978$ )	2.44–43.20	3.62	3.90
Flavan-3-ols				
ECG	$A = 4.16 \times 10^4c + 0.02$ ( $r = 0.9993$ )	0.72–28.36	5.33	5.30
EGCG	$A = 3.31 \times 10^4c + 0.02$ ( $r = 0.9994$ )	0.91–35.65	4.24	4.88
EC	$A = 2.70 \times 10^4c + 0.03$ ( $r = 0.9988$ )	0.74–43.33	3.46	2.77
catechin	$A = 2.82 \times 10^4c + 0.04$ ( $r = 0.9941$ )	0.35–41.13	3.61	3.09
EGC	$A = 2.84 \times 10^4c - 0.01$ ( $r = 0.9994$ )	2.11–42.60	3.64	3.34
Flavon				
luteolin	$A = 2.08 \times 10^4c + 0.03$ ( $r = 0.9952$ )	0.96–56.25	2.66	2.38
rutin	$A = 2.84 \times 10^4c + 0.03$ ( $r = 0.9974$ )	0.70–41.20	3.64	2.56
apigenin	$A = 1.92 \times 10^4c + 0.01$ ( $r = 0.9973$ )	2.19–62.10	2.47	0.12
Others				
ascorbic acid	$A = 1.13 \times 10^4c + 0.04$ ( $r = 0.9995$ )	0.88–103.00	1.44	0.96
$\alpha$ -tocopherol	$A = 1.04 \times 10^4c + 0.04$ ( $r = 0.9963$ )	0.96–111.00	1.33	1.10

<sup>a</sup>TEAC coefficients (significantly different) (by exclusion of the values for apigenin with highest TEAC variability;  $P = 0.05$ ,  $F_{\text{exp}} = 1.487$ ,  $F_{\text{crit (table)}} = 4.600$ ,  $F_{\text{exp}} < F_{\text{crit (table)}}$ ). <sup>b</sup>Data taken from refs 2 and 20.  $\text{TEAC}_{\text{CUPRAC}} = 1.16 \text{ TEAC}_{\text{SNPAC}} - 0.782$  ( $r = 0.936$ ).

### Recovery study

Table 2. Precision and Recovery of the Proposed SNPAC Method

added conc ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	mean ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	stand dev, SD	rel stand dev, RSD (%)	REC (%) <sup>a</sup>
RT Addition to Green Tea				
5.43	$5.15 \pm 0.09$	0.04	0.78	94.8
10.86	$10.42 \pm 0.17$	0.07	0.67	96.0
21.72	$21.16 \pm 0.20$	0.08	0.38	97.4
CT Addition to Green Tea				
3.66	$3.48 \pm 0.22$	0.09	2.61	95.1
7.32	$7.52 \pm 0.19$	0.08	1.06	102.7
14.64	$14.82 \pm 0.20$	0.08	0.54	101.2
GA Addition to Green Tea				
4.65	$4.67 \pm 0.22$	0.09	1.93	100.2
9.30	$9.14 \pm 0.10$	0.04	0.44	98.3
18.6	$18.18 \pm 0.17$	0.07	0.36	97.7
CT Addition to Olive Oil				
3.66	$3.38 \pm 0.16$	0.06	1.87	92.3
7.32	$6.91 \pm 0.12$	0.05	0.72	94.4
14.64	$14.07 \pm 0.10$	0.04	0.28	96.1

<sup>a</sup>Recovery ( $N = 3$ ).

### Methods reliability

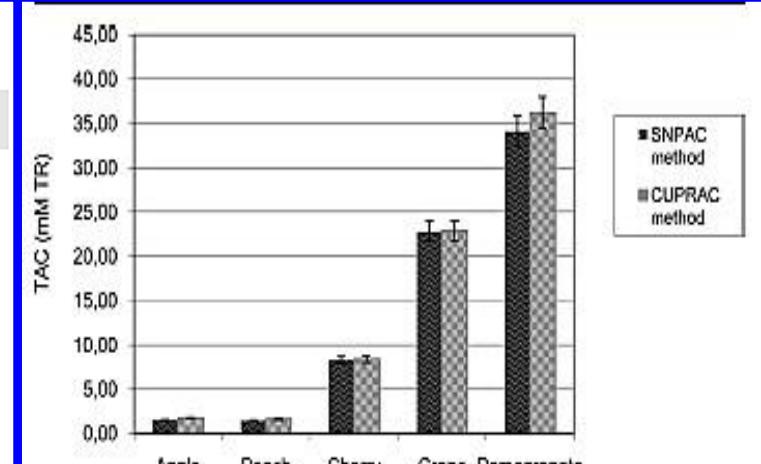
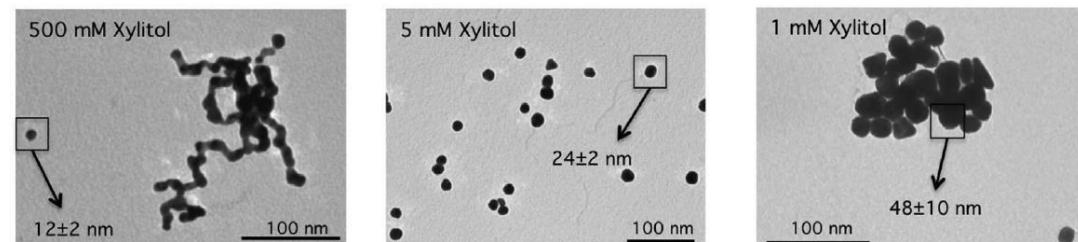
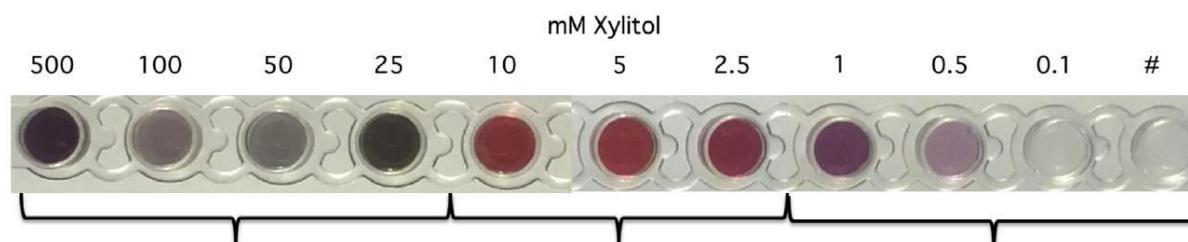


Figure 5. Comparative TAC values (mM TR equiv) of some commercial fruit juices measured by the SNPAC and CUPRAC assays. Data are presented as (mean  $\pm$  SD) (error bars),  $N = 3$ . ( $P = 0.05$ ,  $F_{\text{exp}} = 0.775$ ,  $F_{\text{crit (table)}} = 7.709$ ,  $F_{\text{exp}} < F_{\text{crit (table)}}$ .)

## Xylitol monitoring trough AuNPs growth

### Seed formation and growth phenomena study



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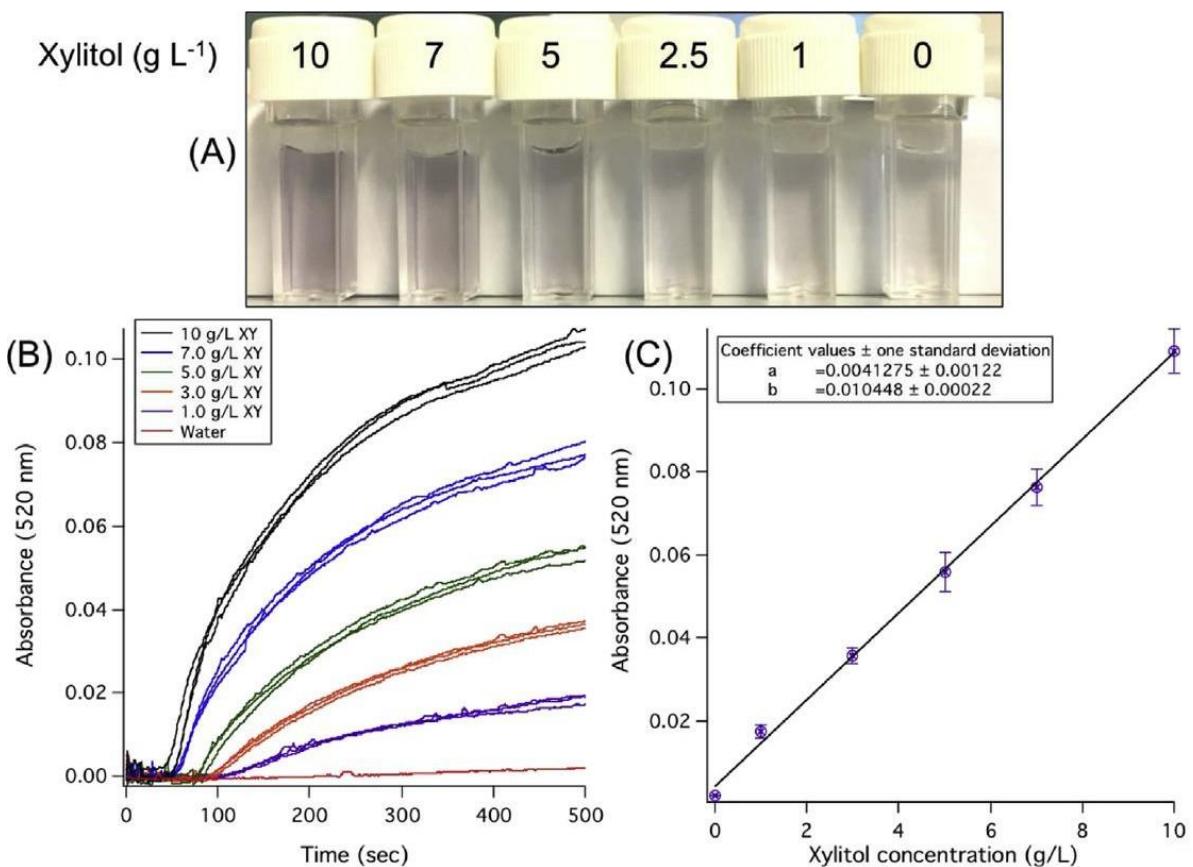
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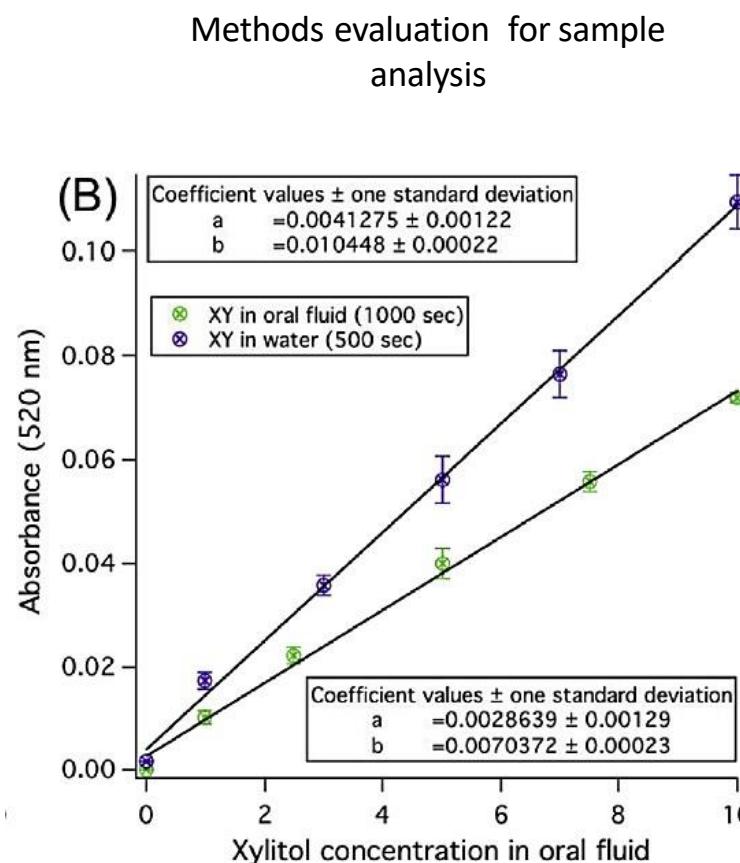
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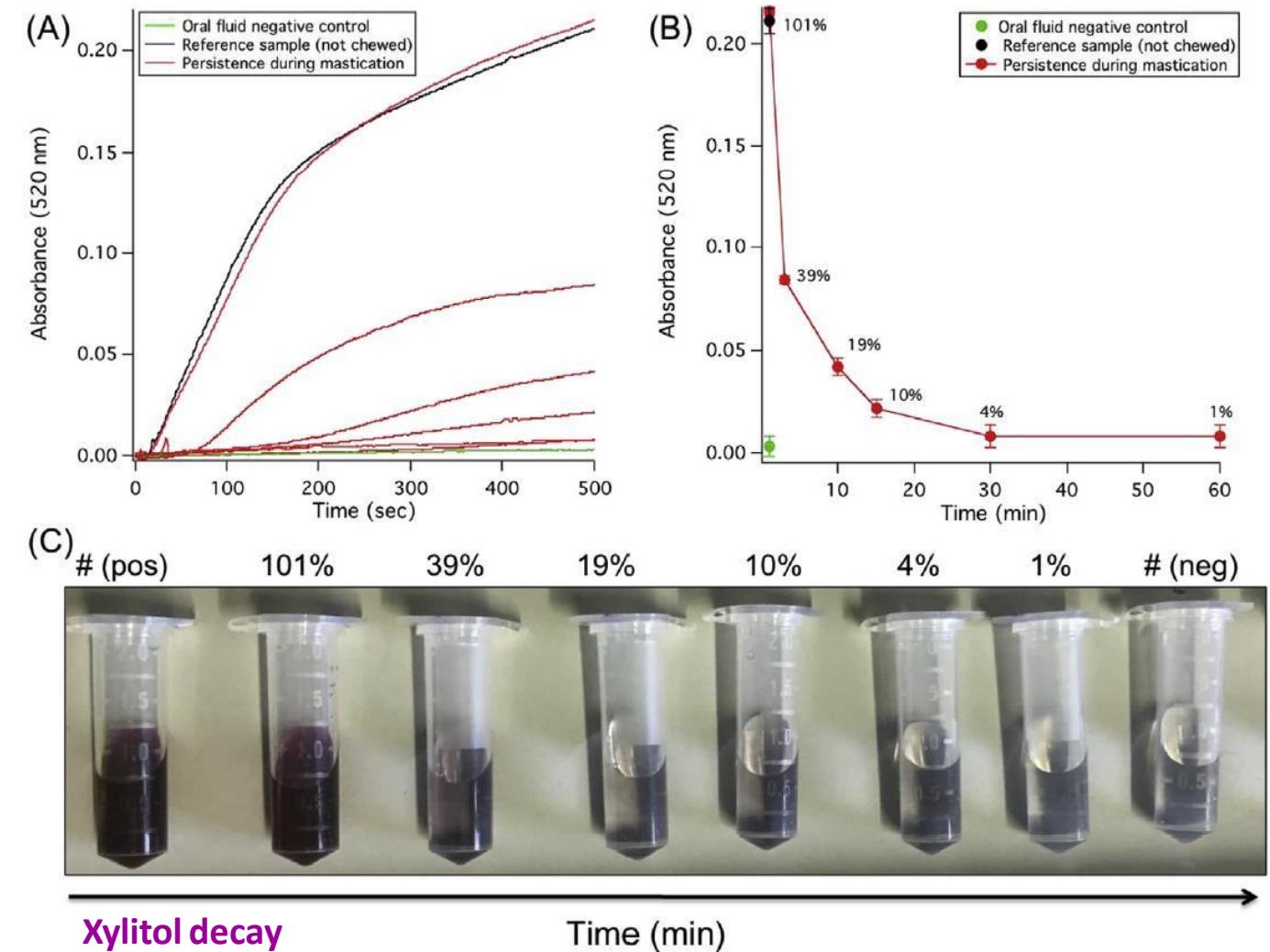


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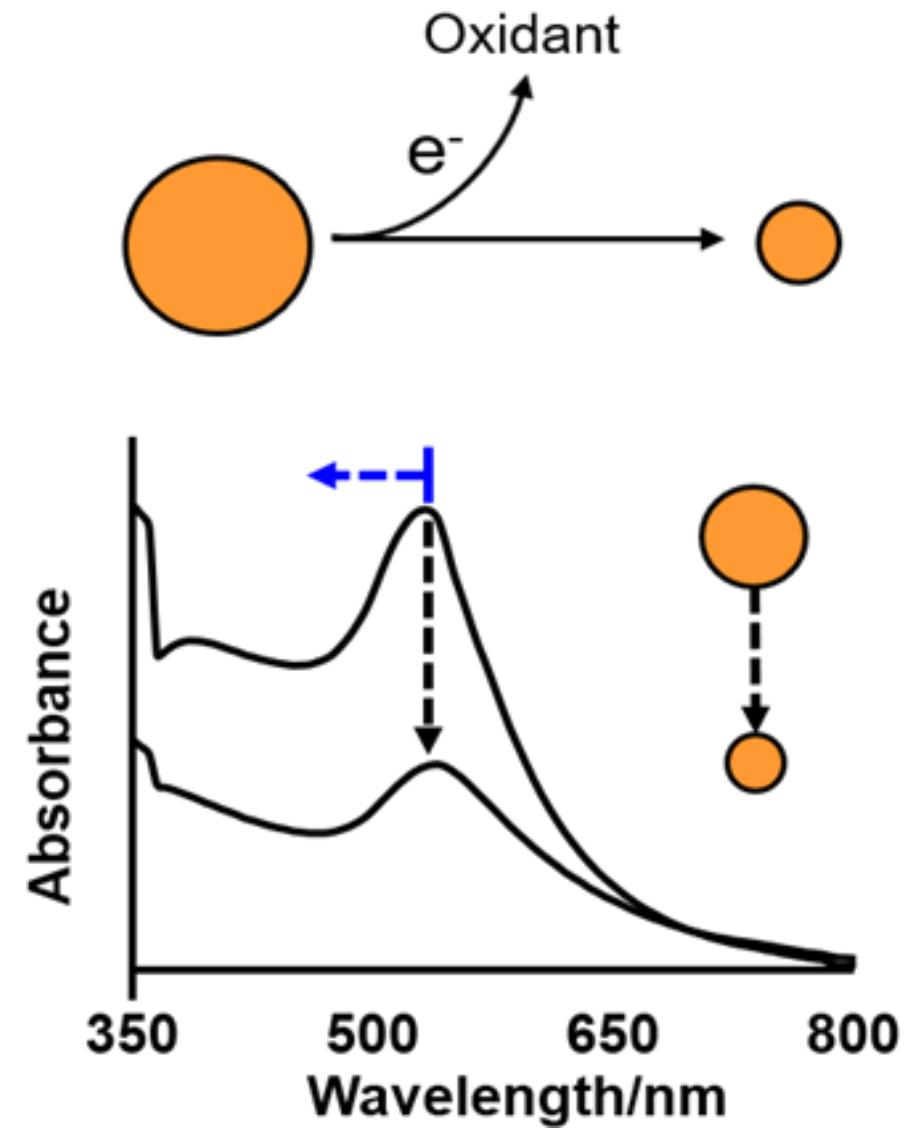
### Recovery study



### Xylitol monitoring 1 h of chewing-gum

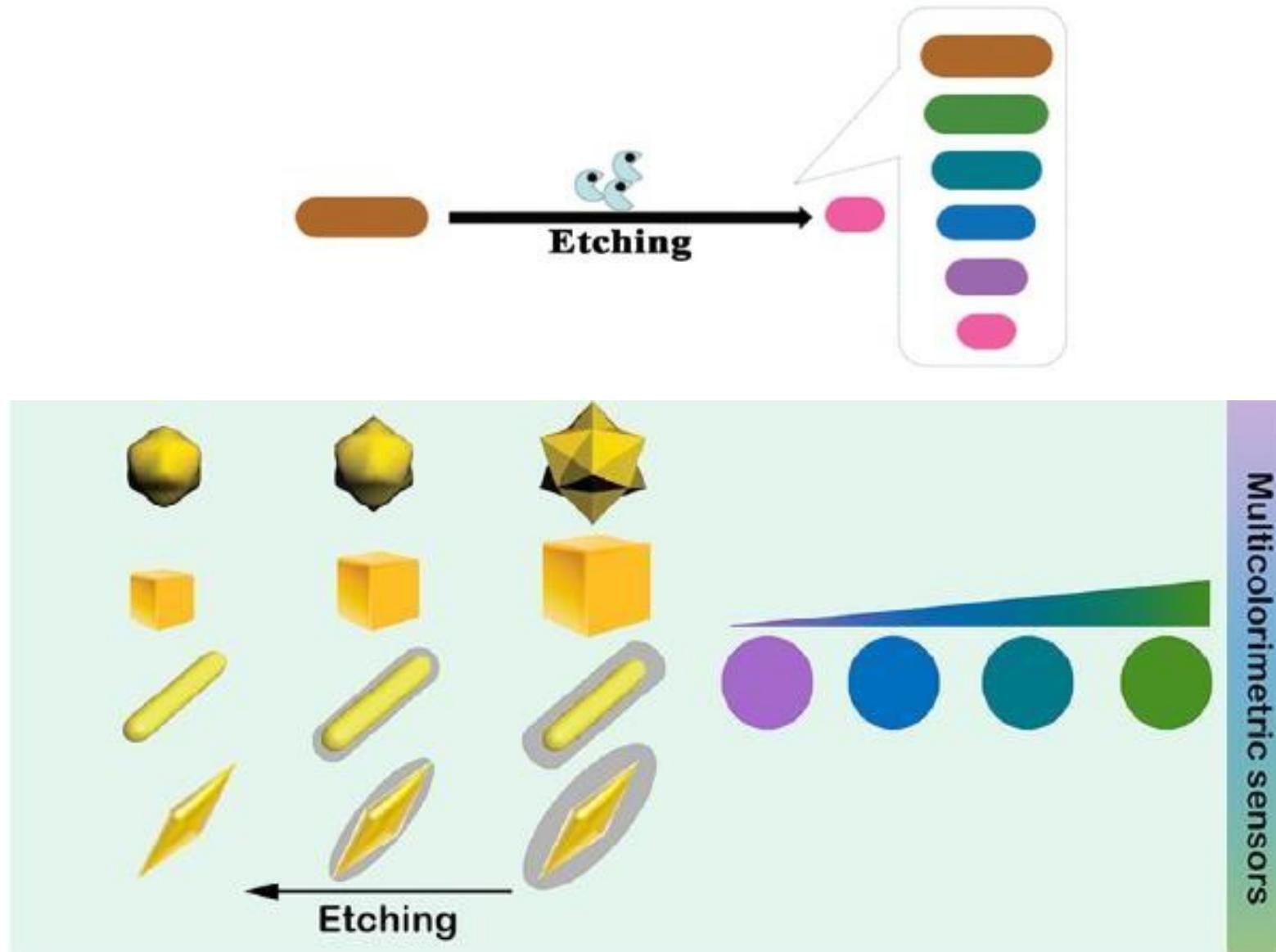


# Metal nanoparticle etching



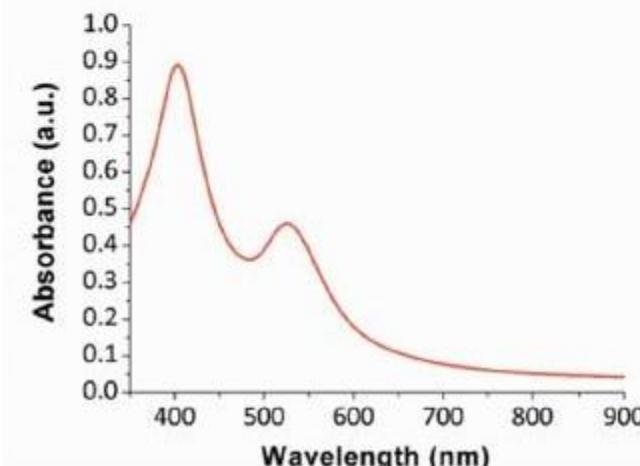
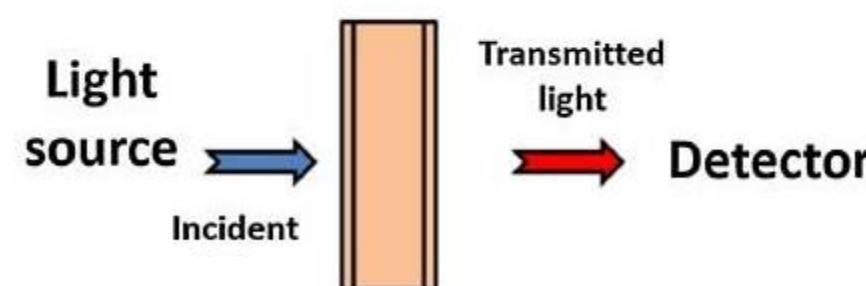
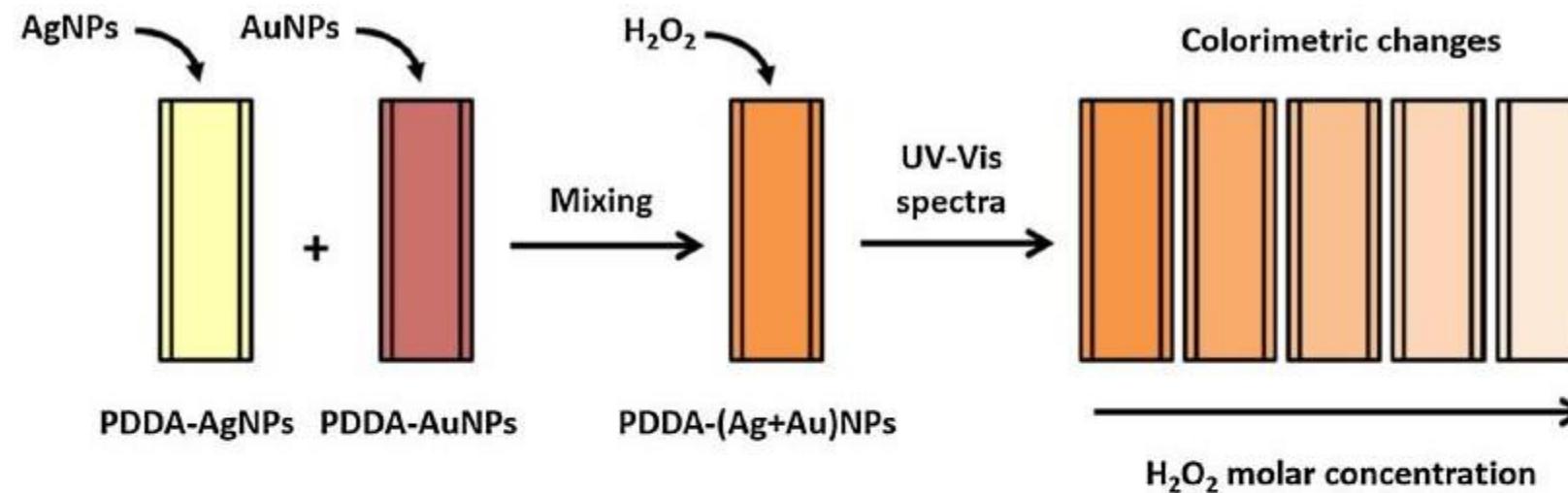
# Metal nanoparticles etching

## Main strategy



## $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ determination through MNPs etching

PDPA- Poly(diallyldimethylammoniumchloride)



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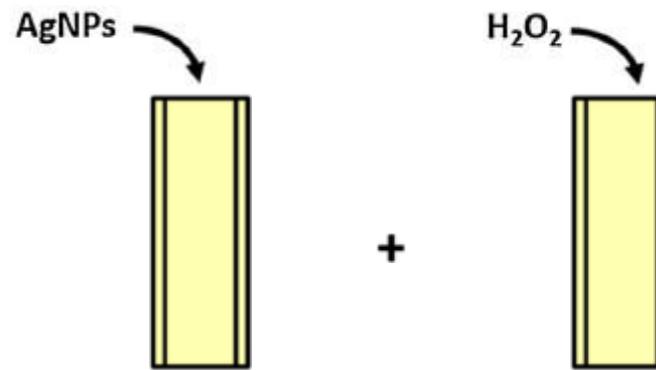


A self-referenced optical colorimetric sensor based on silver and gold nanoparticles for quantitative determination of hydrogen peroxide

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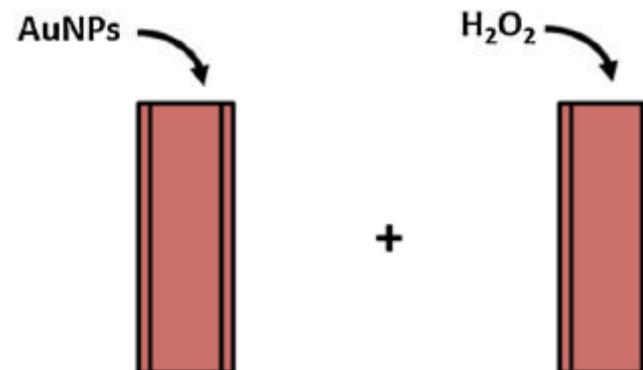
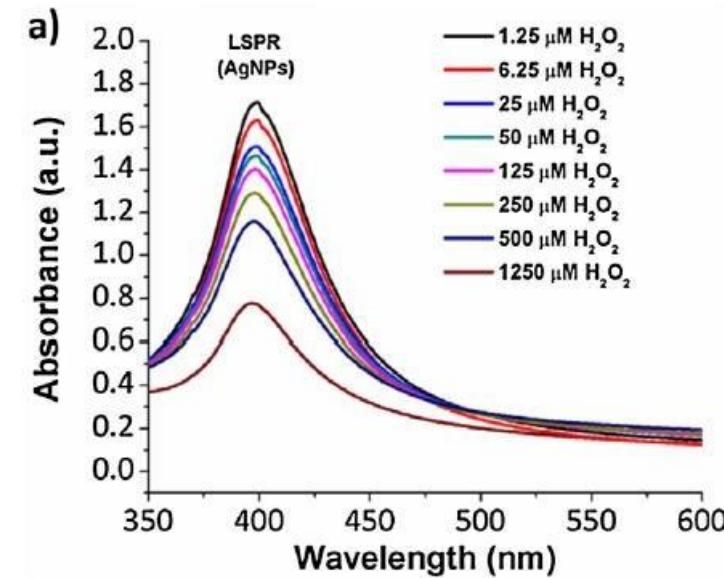
# Metal nanoparticles etching

## Etching phenomena study



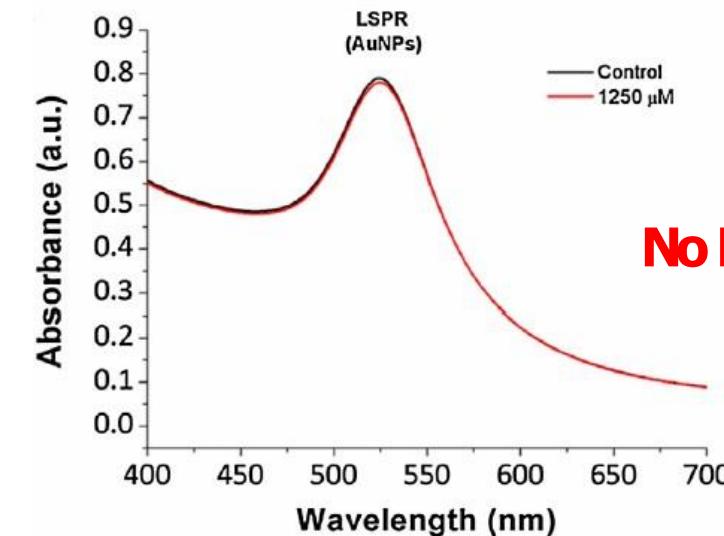
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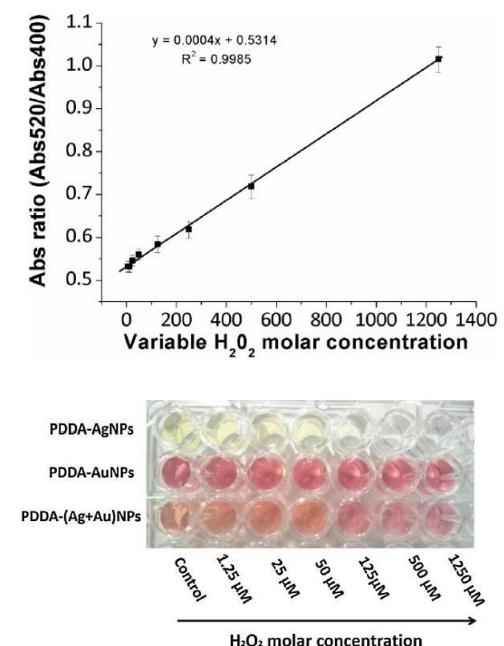
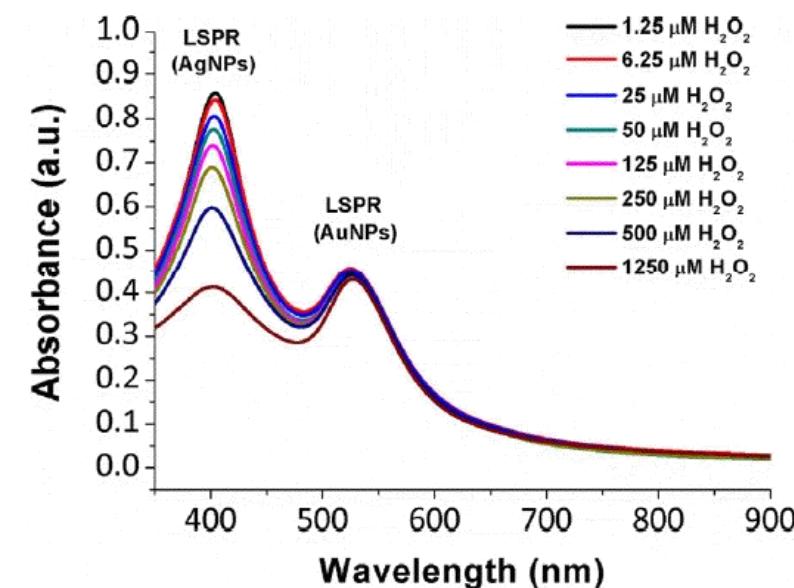
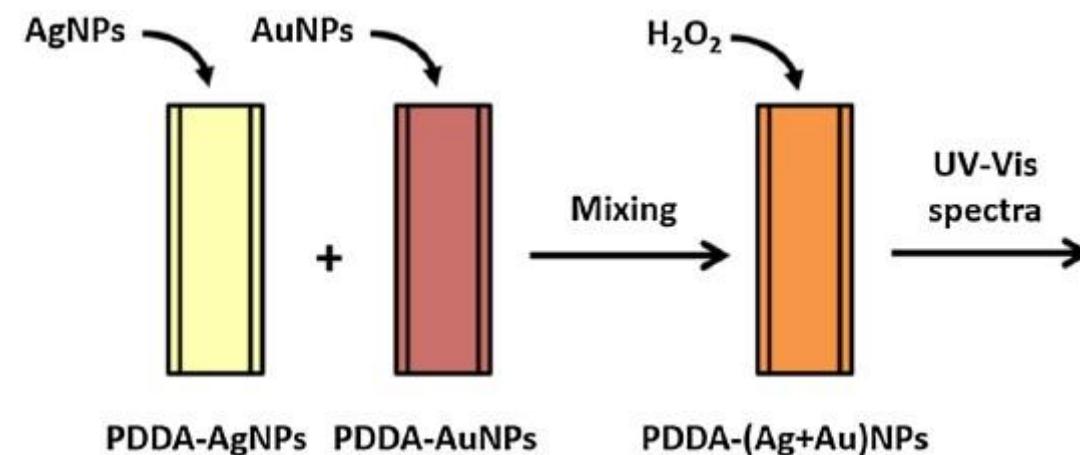
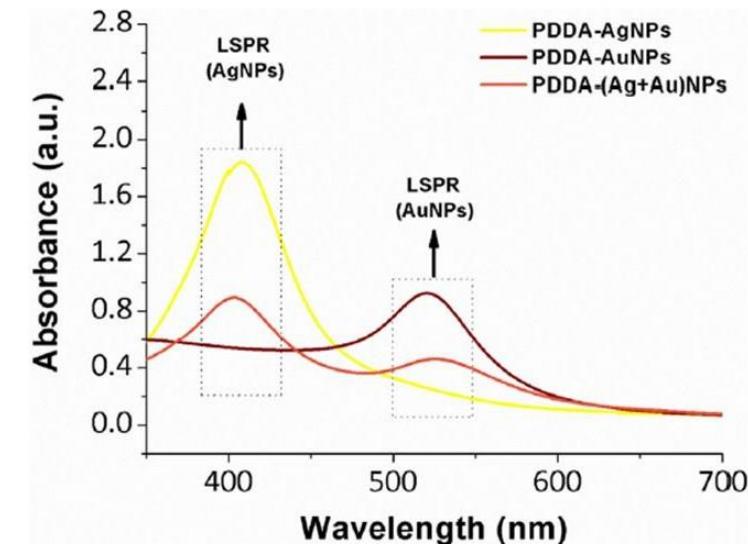
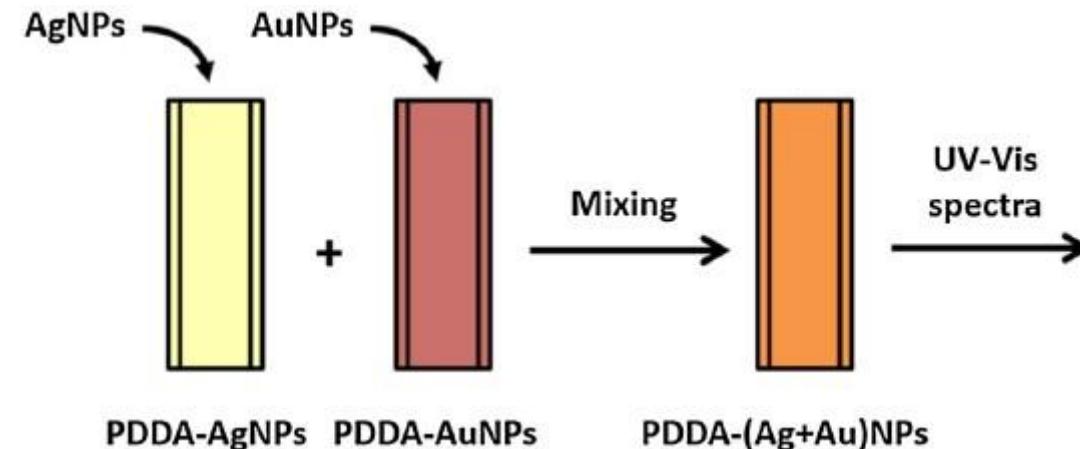
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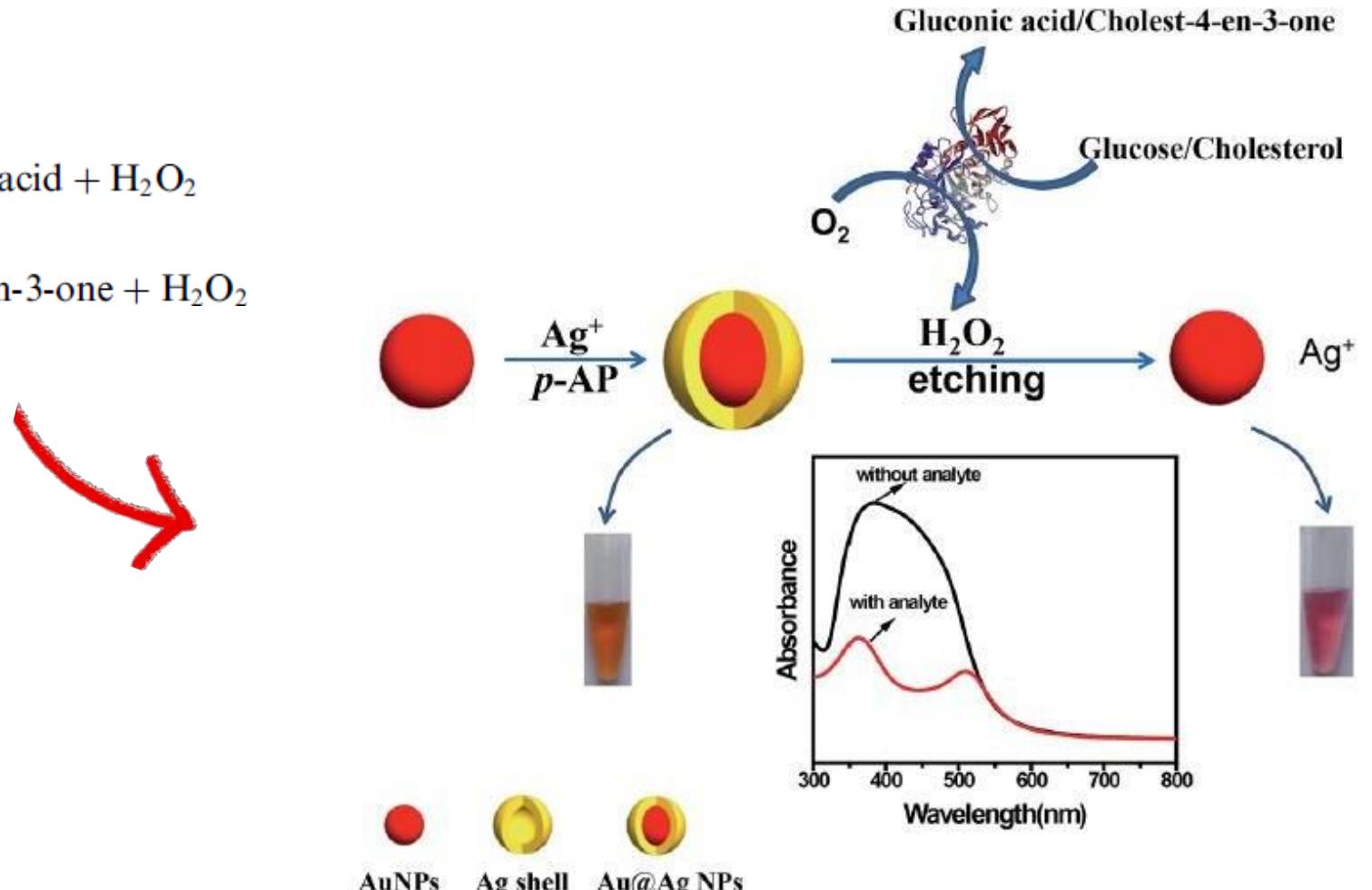
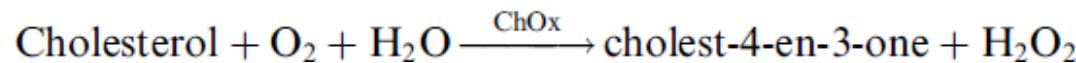
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# Metal nanoparticles etching

## Etching phenomena study. $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ determination



## Glucose and cholesterol evaluation through MNPs etching

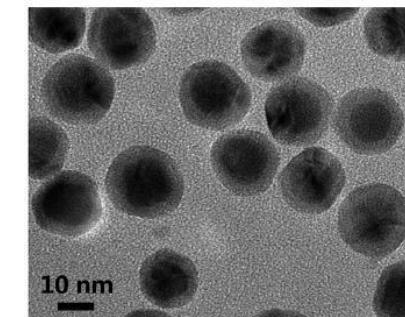
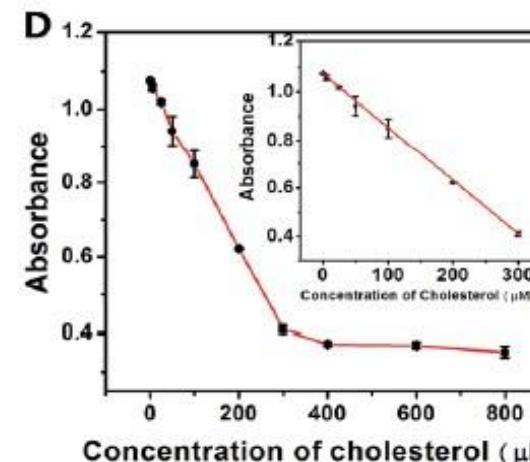
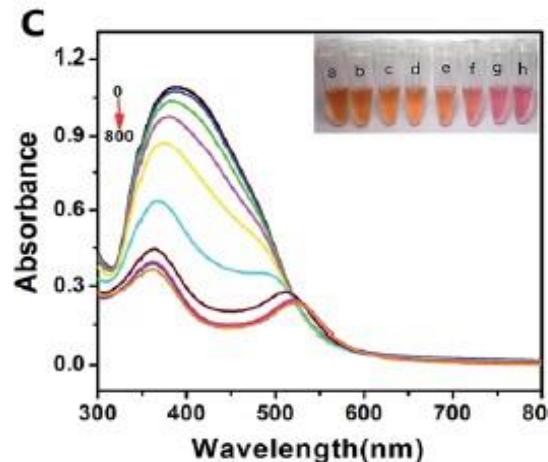
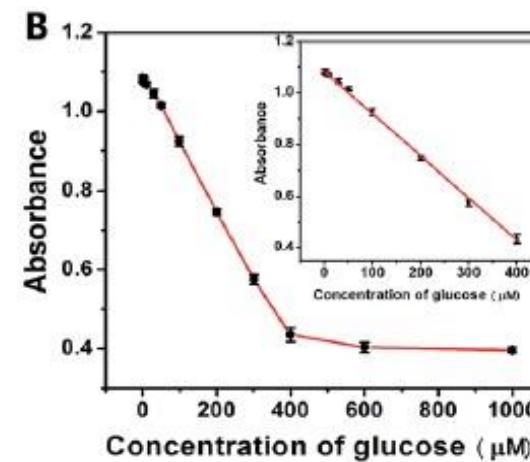
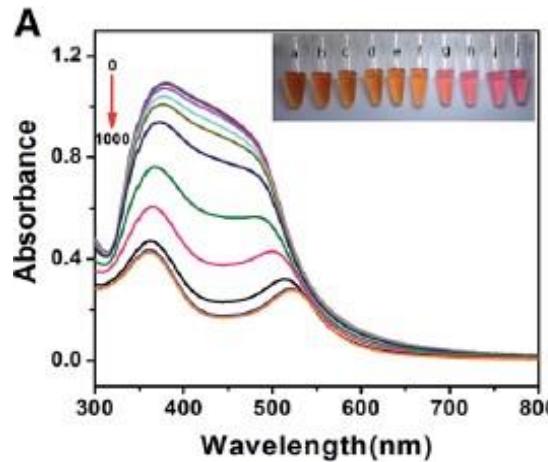


**Scheme 1** Schematic illustration of the formation of Au@Ag NPs and its application for the colorimetric detection of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and glucose/cholesterol.

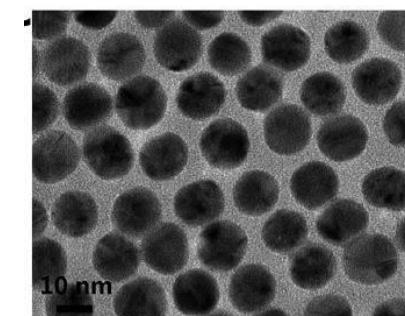
# Metal nanoparticles etching

## Glucose and cholesterol determination through MNPs etching

### Dose-response curve



Etching



### Recovery study

Table 1 Recovery measurements of glucose in human urine samples and free cholesterol in human serum samples

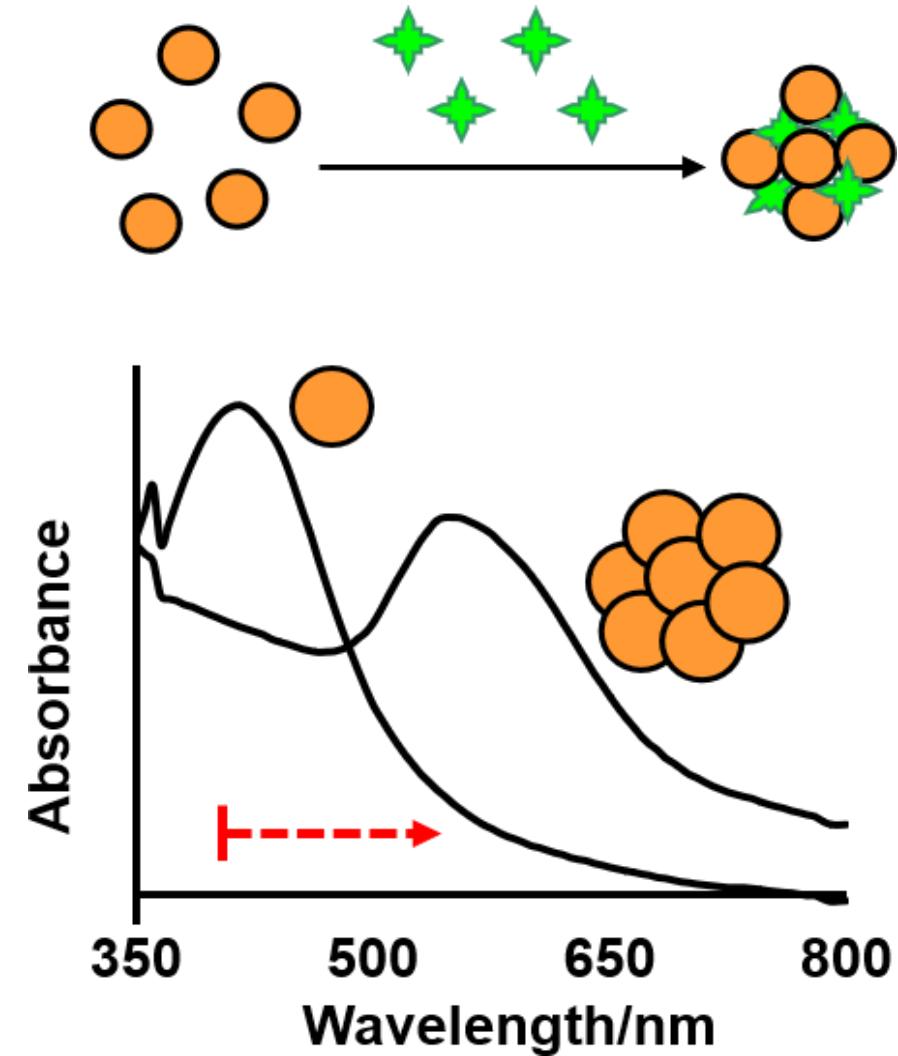
Analytes	Spiked (mM)	Found (mM)	Recovery (%)	RSD (%) (n = 3)
Glucose	0	0.580	—	0.84
	1	1.552	97.2	0.51
	5	5.530	99.0	1.02
	10	11.041	104.6	2.66
	30	31.037	101.5	3.83
Cholesterol	0	1.544	—	0.90
	1	2.610	106.6	0.43
	5	6.320	95.6	2.69
	10	11.715	101.7	1.88
	30	31.283	99.1	5.88

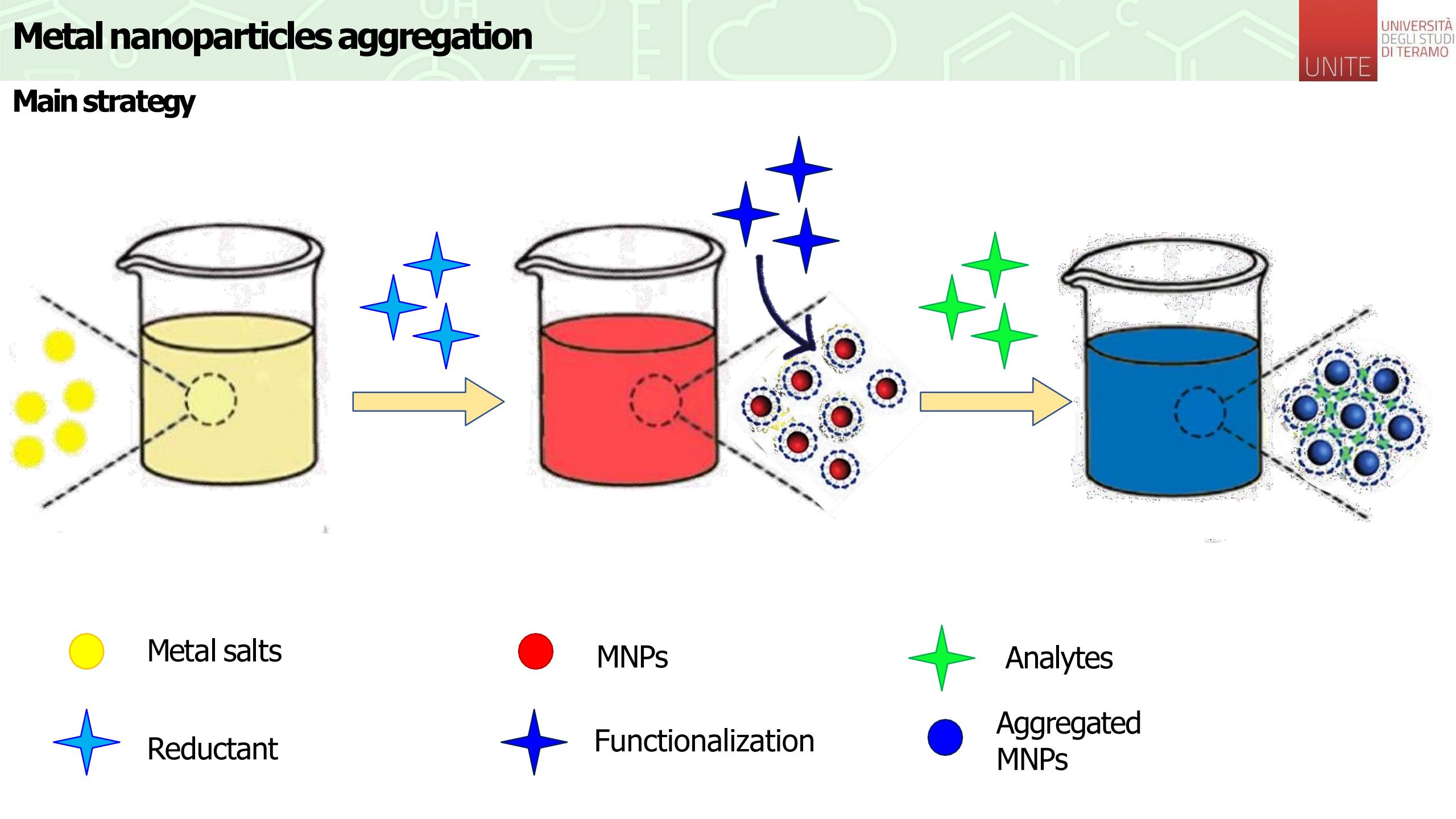
### Sample analysis

Table 2 Determination of glucose concentration in human serum samples

Sample	This work (mM)	RSD (%) (n = 3)	Glucometer (mM)	RSD (%) (n = 3)
1	4.83	2.69	4.70	4.26
2	7.30	4.46	7.53	3.34
3	8.79	4.82	8.97	1.70
4	10.36	3.09	10.23	2.46

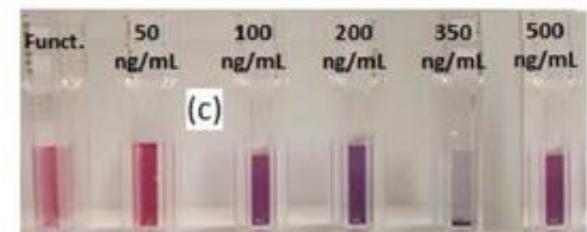
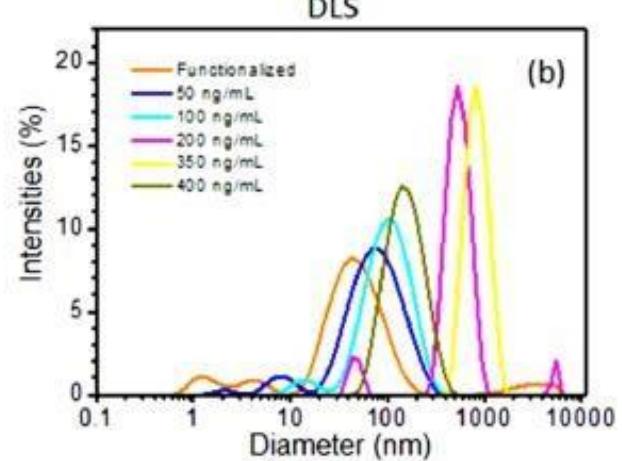
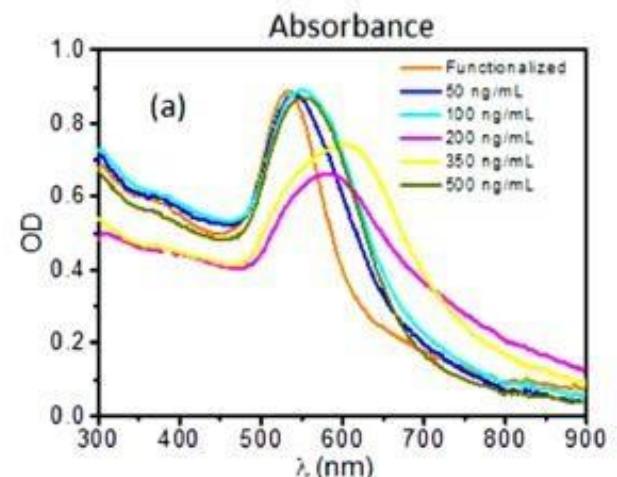
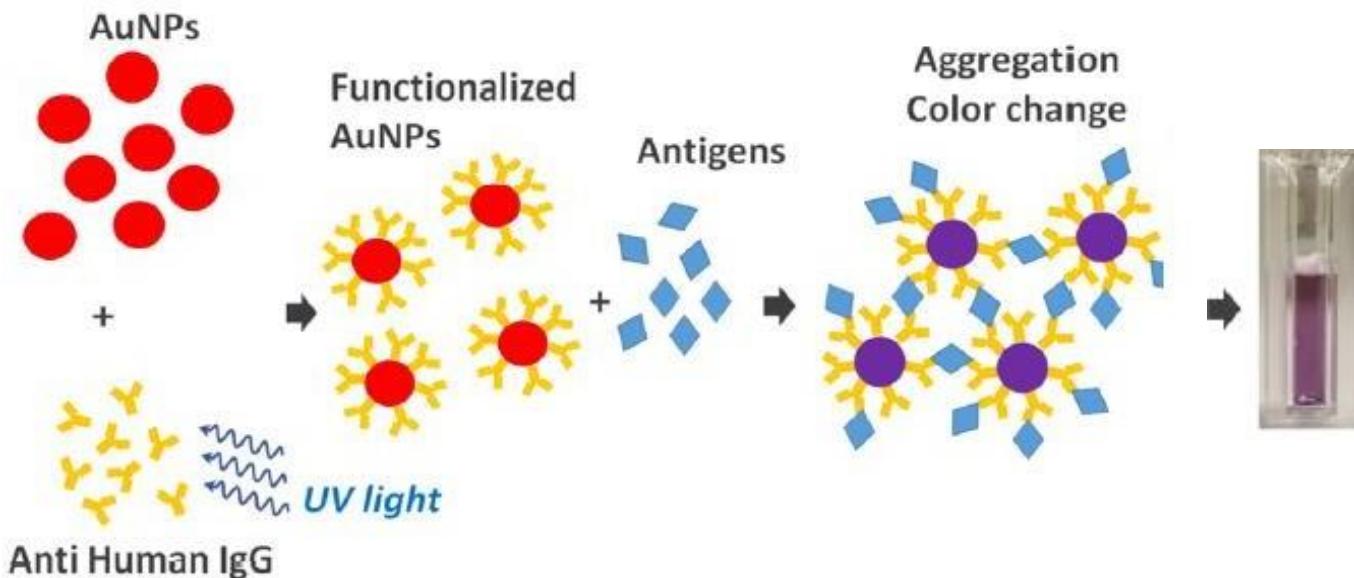
# Metal nanoparticle aggregation





# Metal nanoparticles aggregation

## Immuno-based determination of H<sub>2</sub>gG

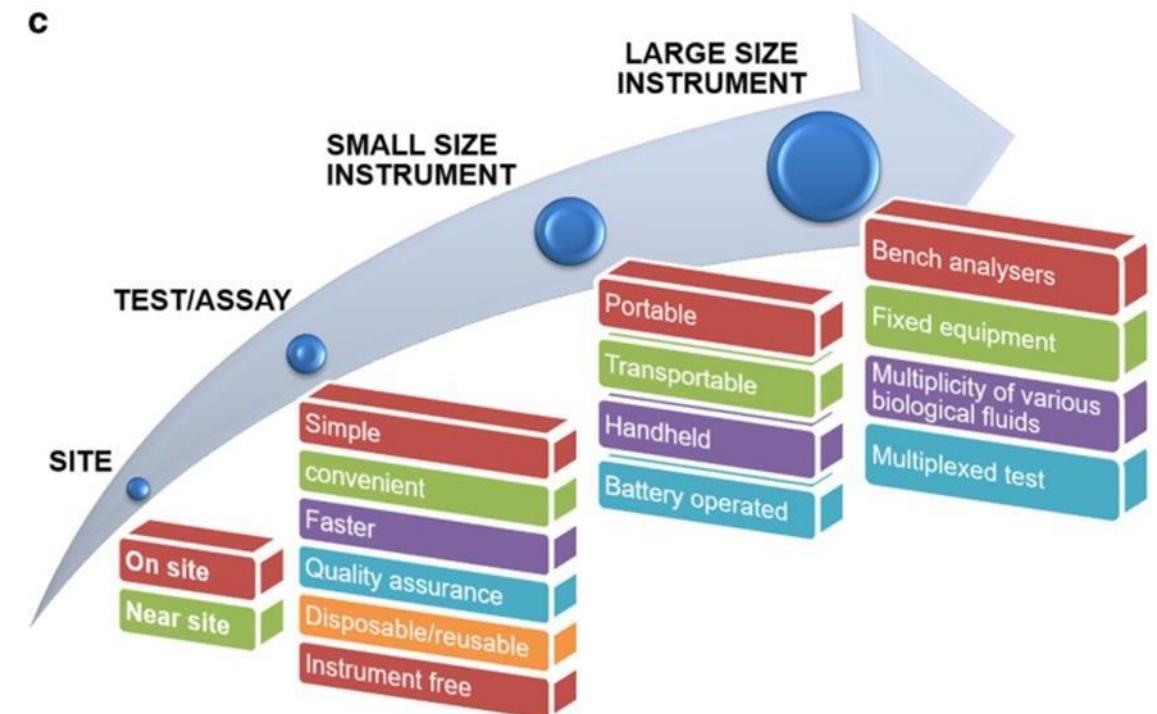
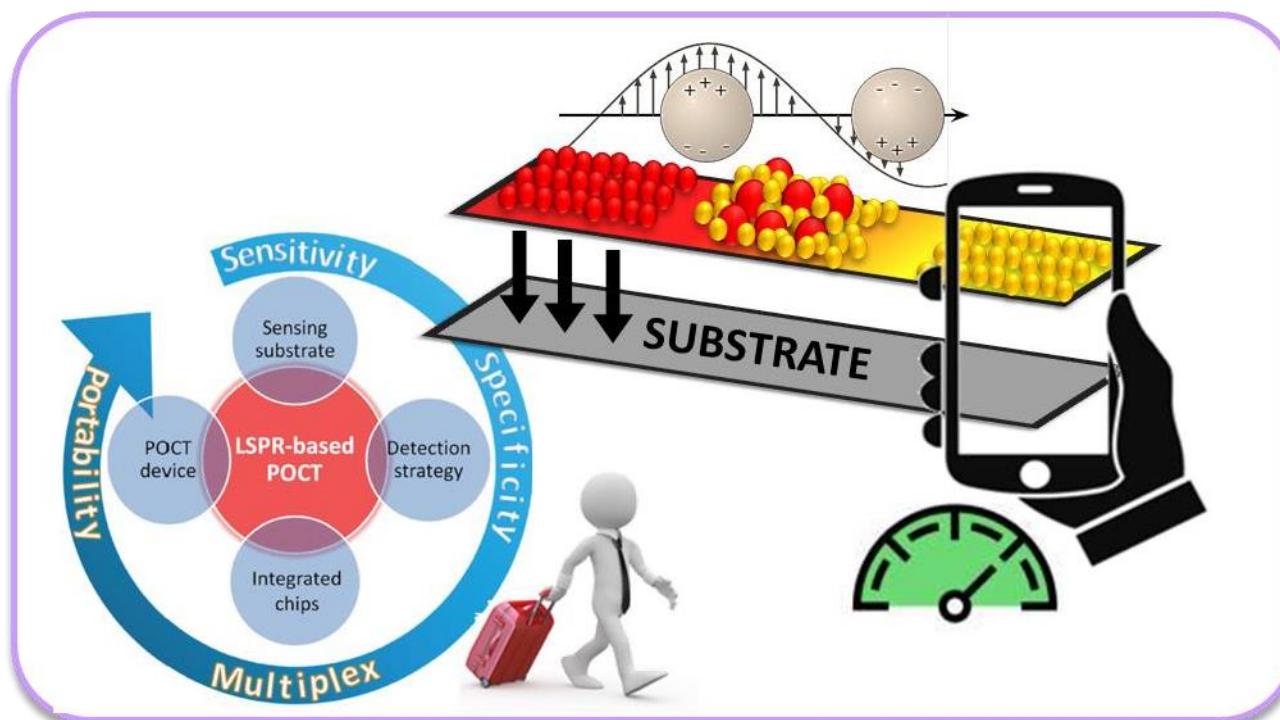


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# Metal nanoparticles integration onto solid substrates



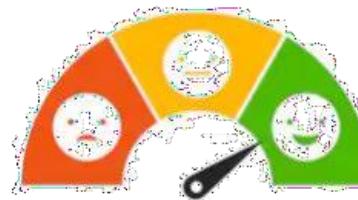
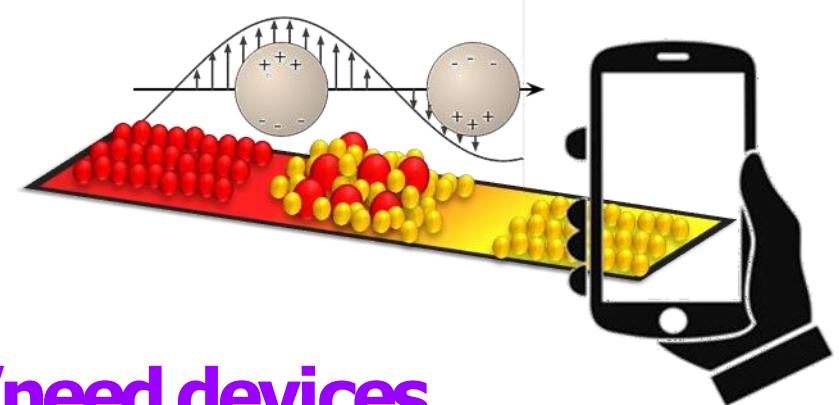
**!!! Lab-on-a-strip  
Device !!!**

## Main Point of Care and Point On Needs device requirements



## Point of care/need devices

**2x R**apid & **r**obust  
**E**quipment-free  
**D**elivered



Cost performance

Manufacturing

Mass production

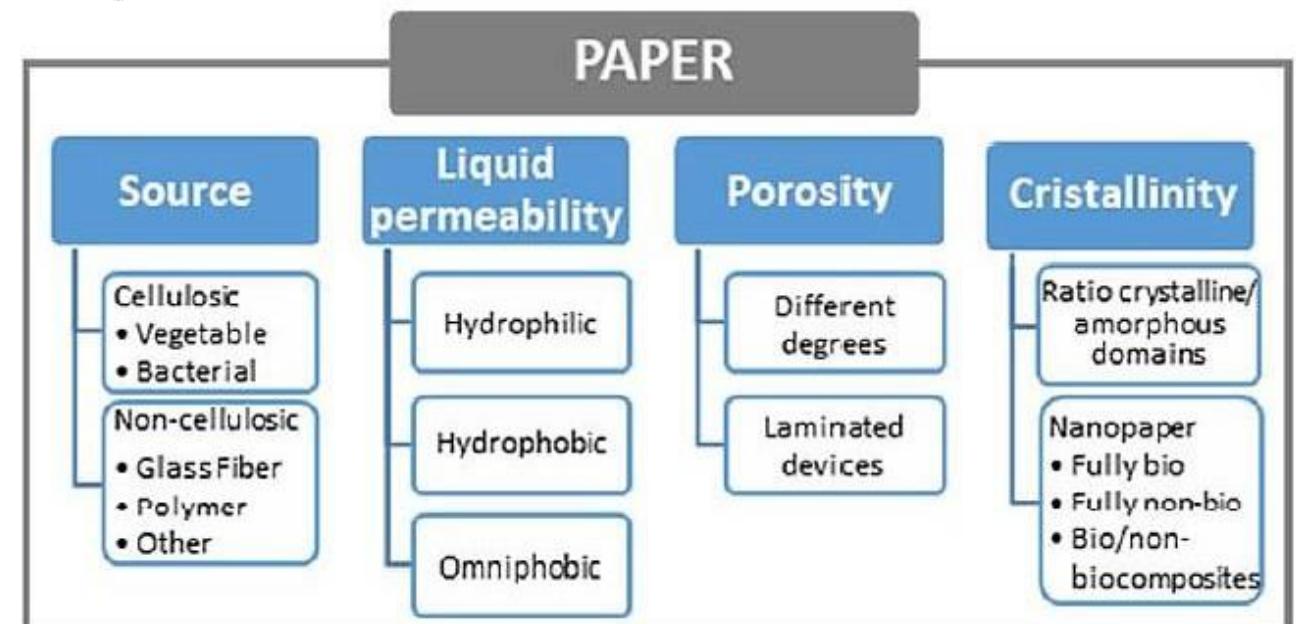
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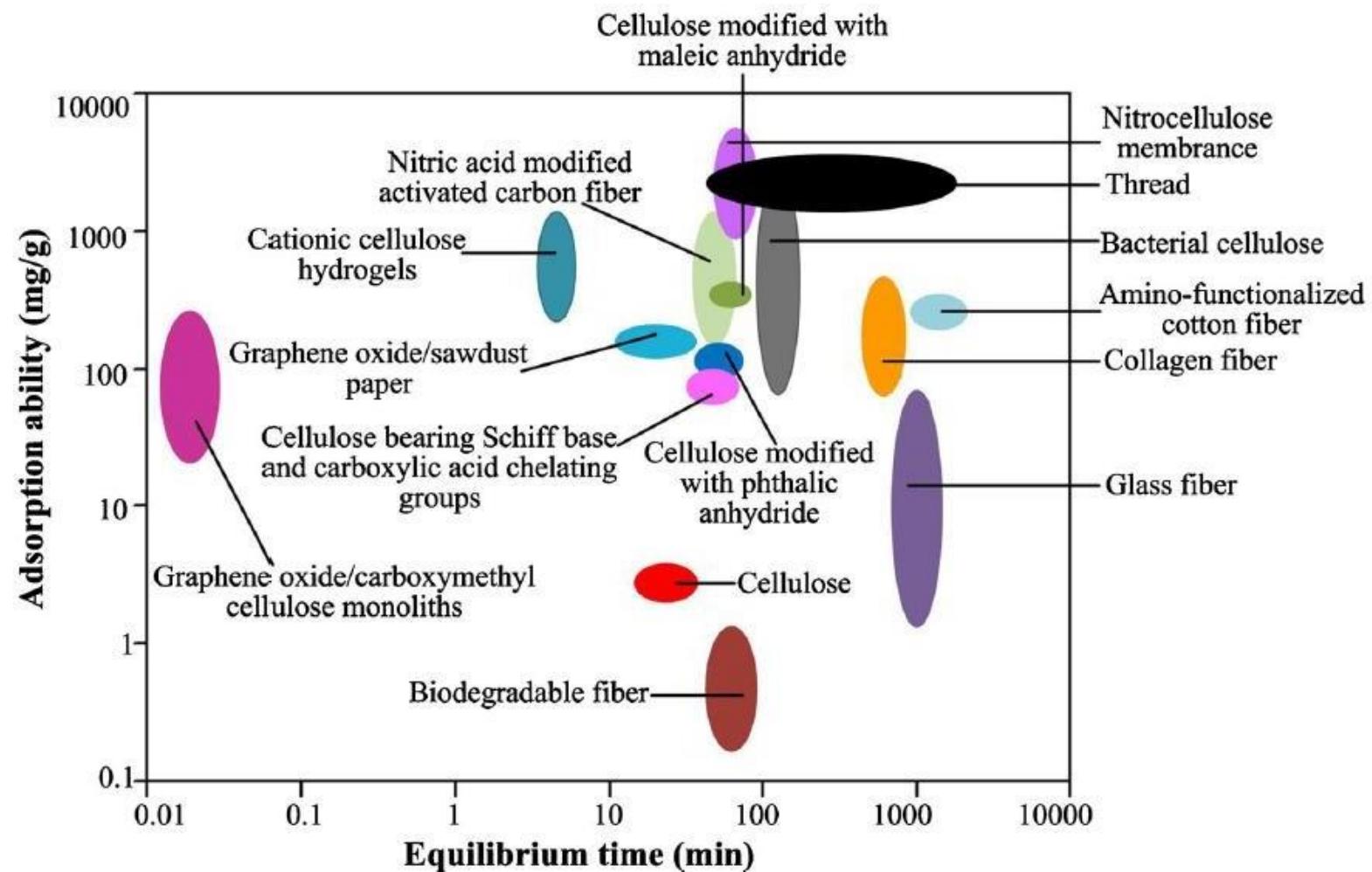
Paper can...  
Store  
Filter  
React

Drawbacks...  
Reagents diffusion...  
Electrical noise! ☺

An hydrophobic  
barrier  
is needed...

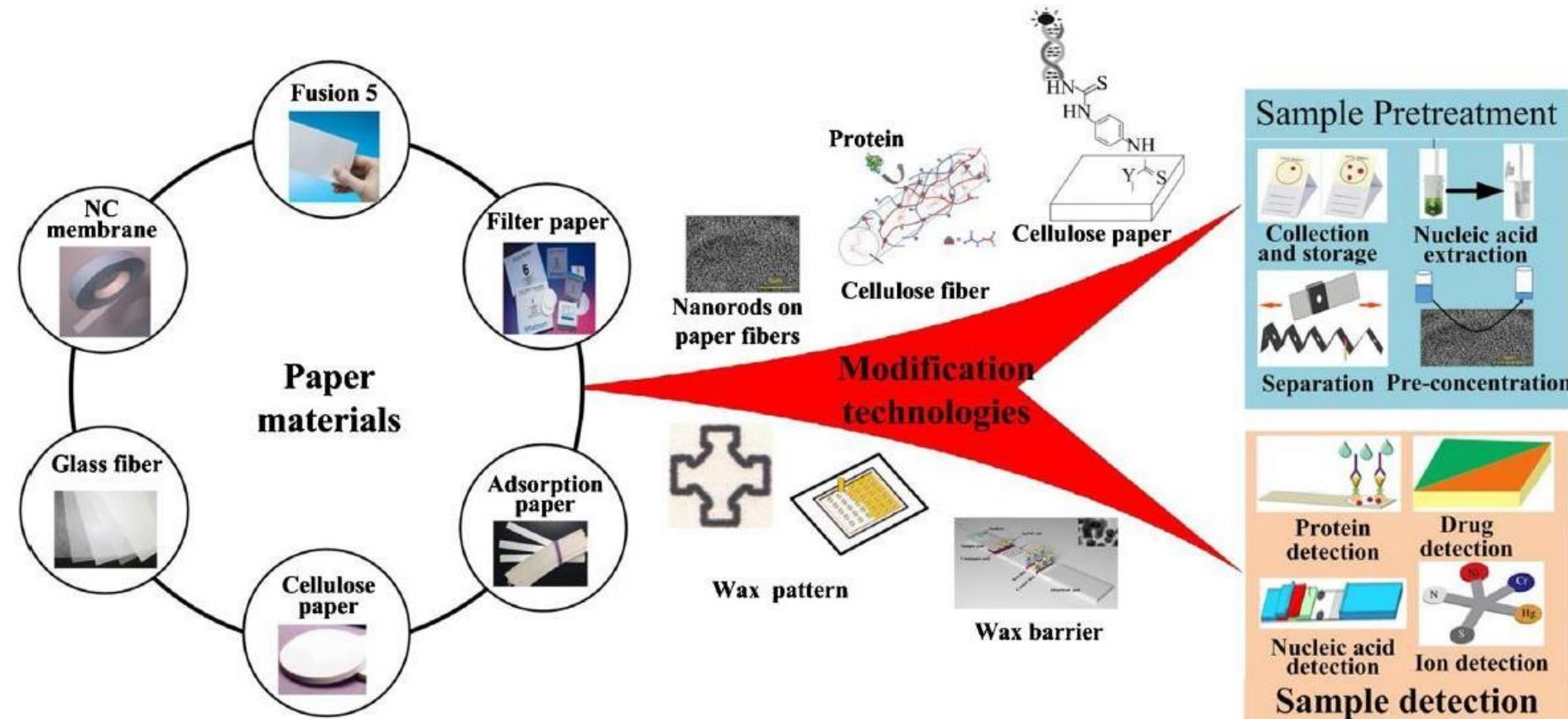


## Kind of paper based substrates



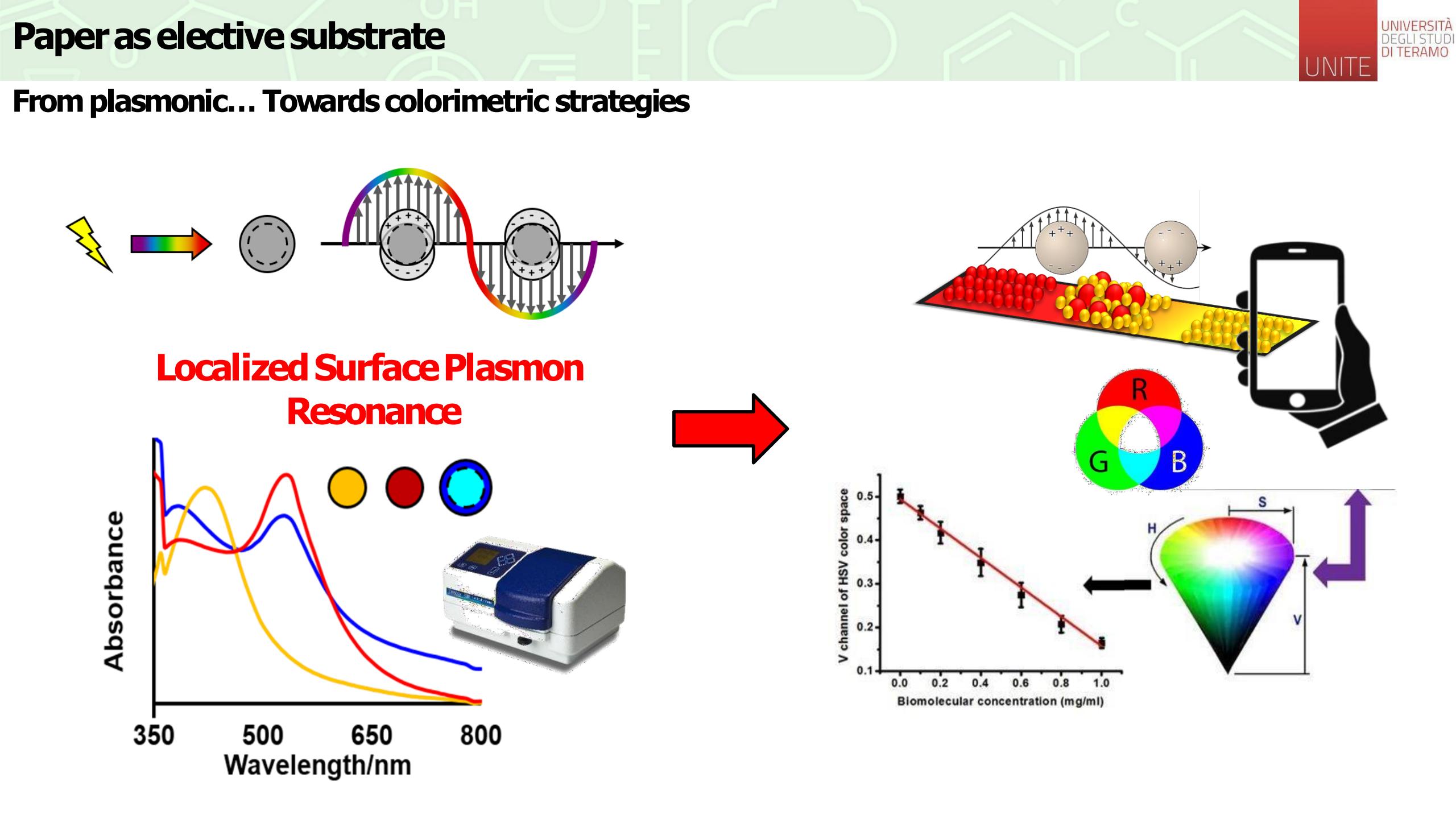
# Paper as elective substrate

## Paper can be tailored

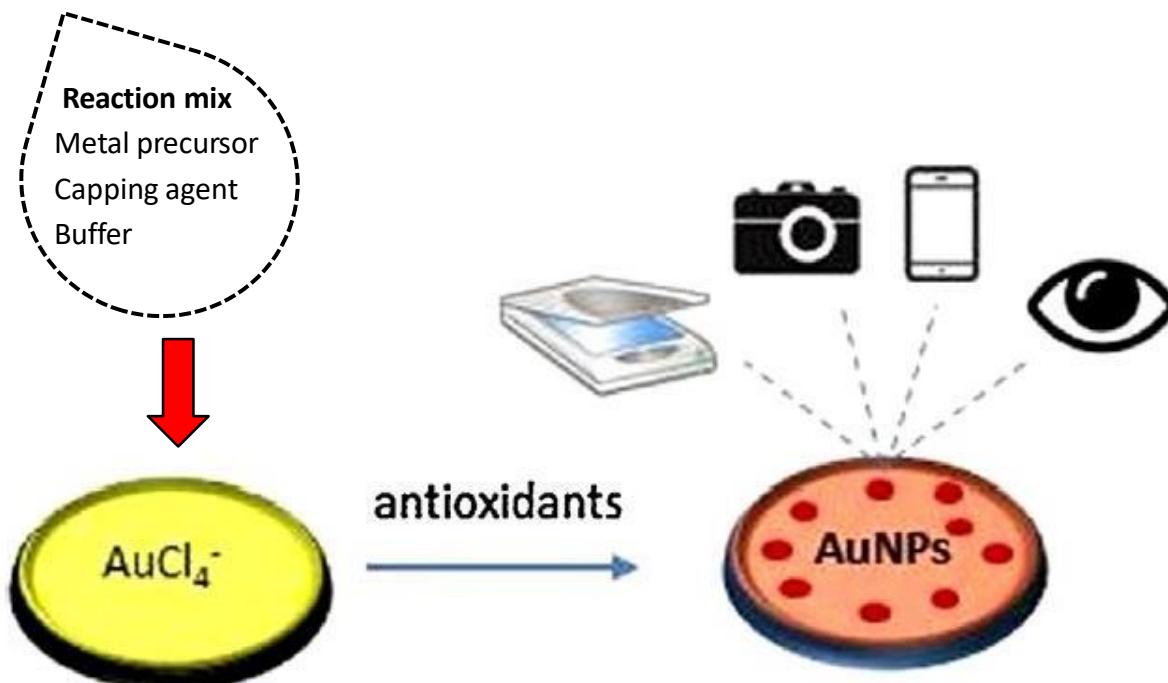


**Fig. 1** Existing paper modification approaches for paper-based POCT. Different paper materials, including Fusion 5, filter paper, chromatography paper, cellulose paper, Whatman® No.1 filter paper and NC

membrane, have been modified with various reagents for paper-based sample pretreatment and paper-based detection



## Phenolic content and antioxidant capacity evaluation trough AuNPs formation



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## Paper-based assay of antioxidant activity using analyte-mediated on-paper nucleation of gold nanoparticles as colorimetric probes

Tatjana G. Choleva, Fotini A. Kanni, Dimosthenis I. Giokas\*, Athanasios G. Vlissidis



**Dose-response curve**

Catechin

Gallic acid

Caffeic acid

Ascorbic acid

Coumaric acid

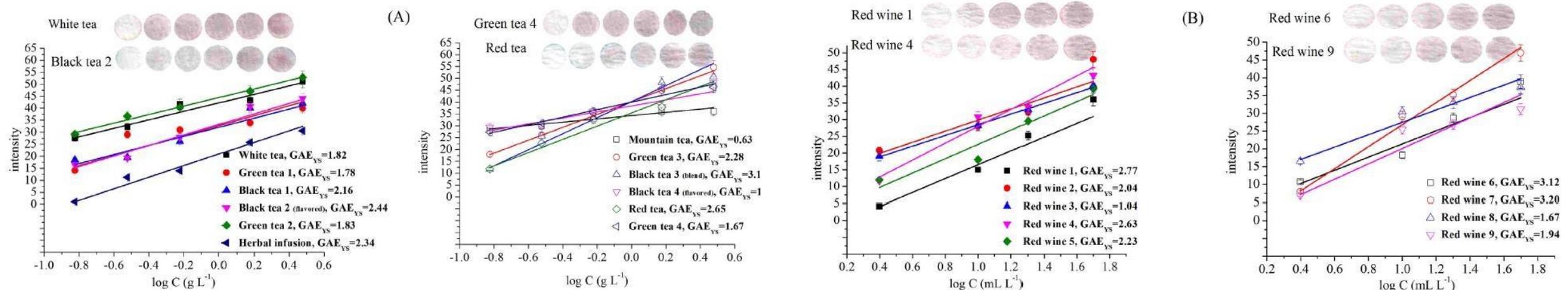
Vanillic acid

Ferulic acid

Çinammic acid

## Phenolic content and antioxidant capacity evaluation through AuNPs formation

### Sample dose-response curve



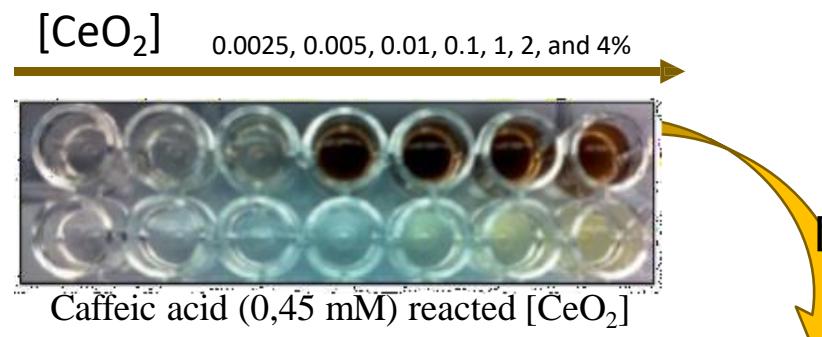
### Sample analysis

Evaluation of antioxidant activity of commercial teas by the Au-AuNP paper sensor and comparison with conventional assays. RSD range between 2.9 and 14.4%.

Tea sample	Au sensor Antioxidant activity (mg catechin g <sup>-1</sup> )	Au sensor Antioxidant activity (mg gallic acid g <sup>-1</sup> )	Folin-Ciocalteu Total phenolic content (mg gallic acid g <sup>-1</sup> )	CUPRAC Total antioxidant activity (mg Trolox g <sup>-1</sup> )	Aluminum assay Total flavonoid content (mg catechin g <sup>-1</sup> )
White tea	59.49	6.52	91.00	196.54	31.63
Green tea 1	56.81	5.76	95.30	208.61	26.76
Black tea 1	39.09	2.10	42.46	95.01	15.06
Black tea 2 (flavored)	24.26	0.58	52.72	114.28	18.47
Green tea 2	59.19	6.43	100.83	232.42	31.63
Herbal infusion	14.27	0.14	33.58	67.04	16.04
Mountain tea	60.44	6.80	31.54	67.83	21.88
Green tea 3	89.78	19.80	79.43	180.87	24.32
Black tea 3 (blend)	55.86	5.50	41.44	97.52	16.52
Black tea 4 (flavored)	44.12	2.91	69.83	147.97	23.35
Red tea	38.03	1.95	52.29	119.45	22.37
Green tea 4	120.60	43.93	107.53	231.87	60.87

## Phenolic content and antioxidant capacity evaluation trough NanoCeria formation

### Optimization



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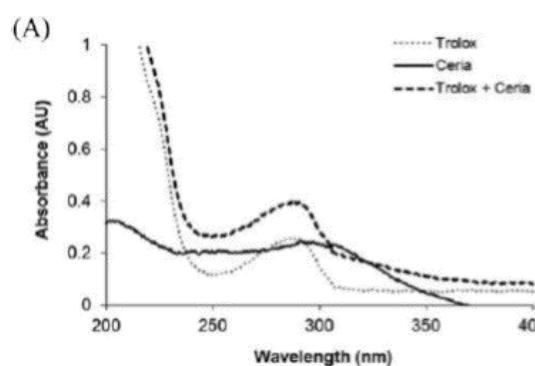
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Portable ceria nanoparticle-based assay for rapid detection of food antioxidants (NanoCerac)

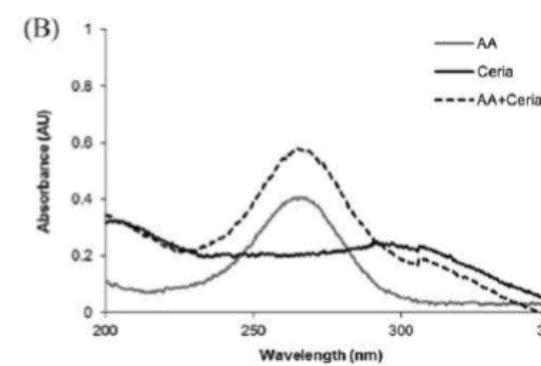
Erica Sharpe, Thalia Frasco, Daniel Andreescu and Silvana Andreescu\*

Uv-vis spectra of ceria nanoparticles dispersion (13 ppm) in the presence and abesence of selected antioxidants.

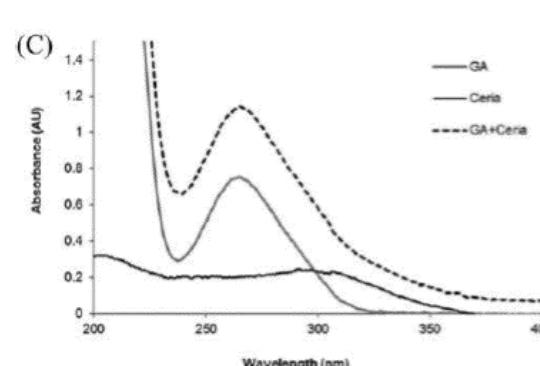
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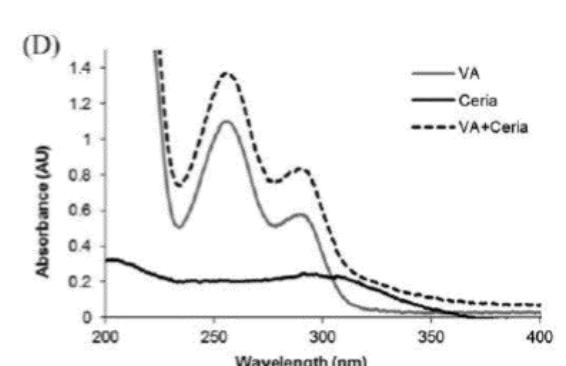
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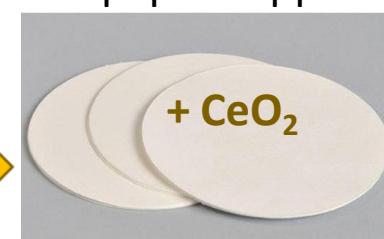
Gallic acid



Vanillic acid



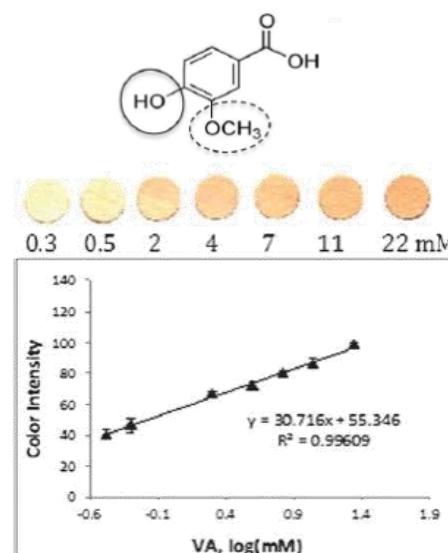
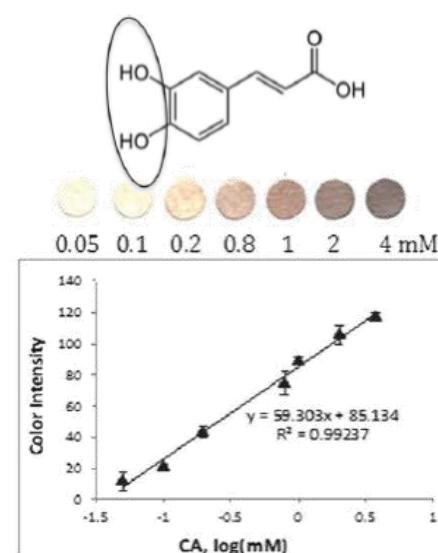
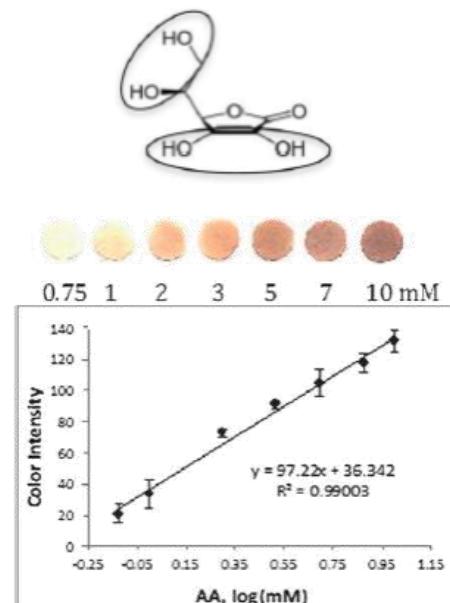
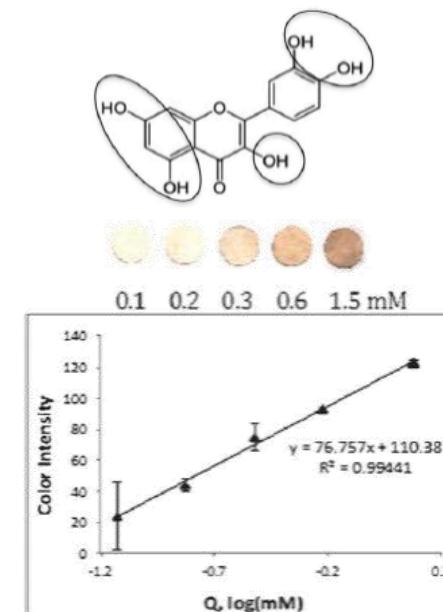
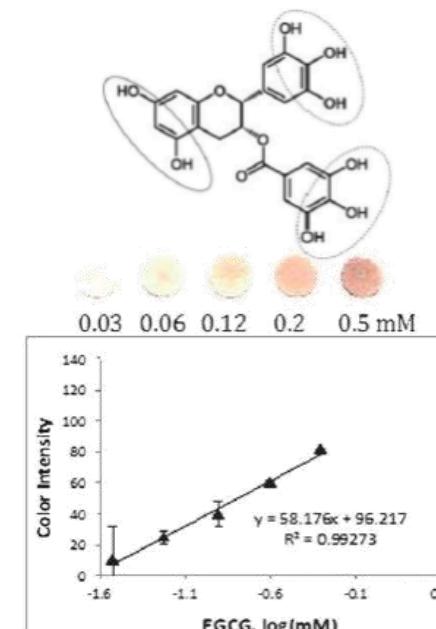
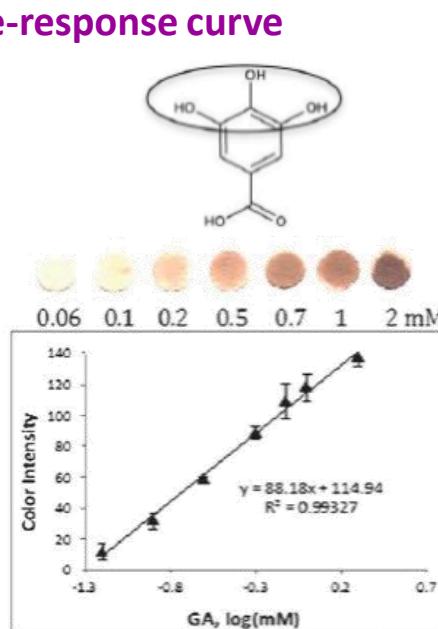
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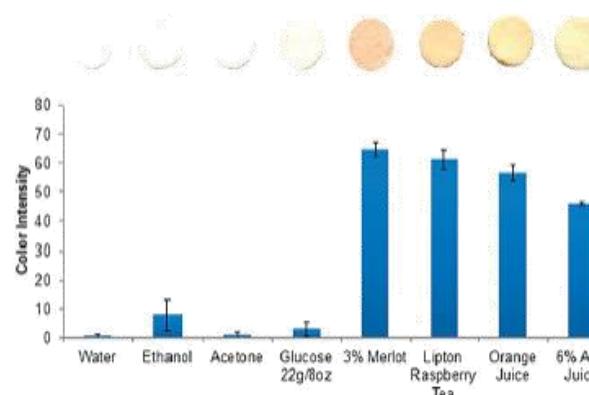
to paper support

## Phenolic content and antioxidant capacity evaluation through NanoCeria formation

### Dose-response curve



### Interferents evaluation



Tested interfering compounds

Common lab solvent:

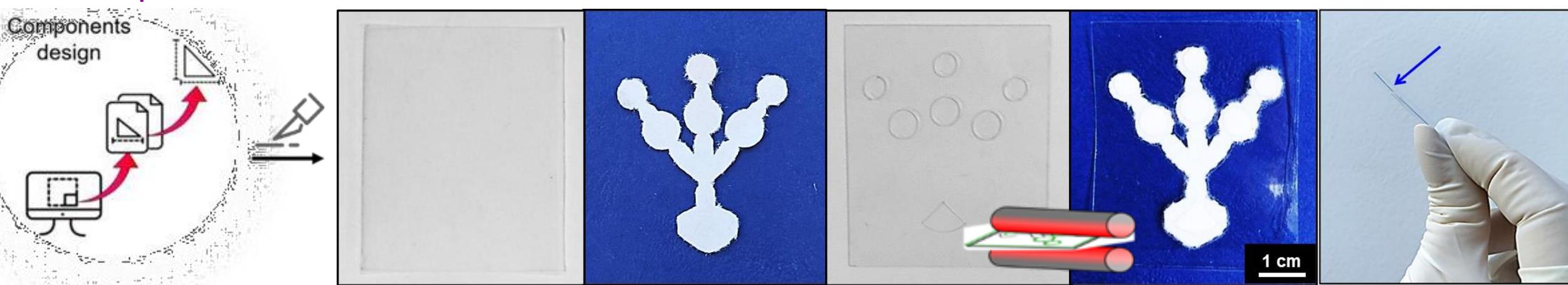
- water,
- ethanol,
- acetone

Common sugar presents in:

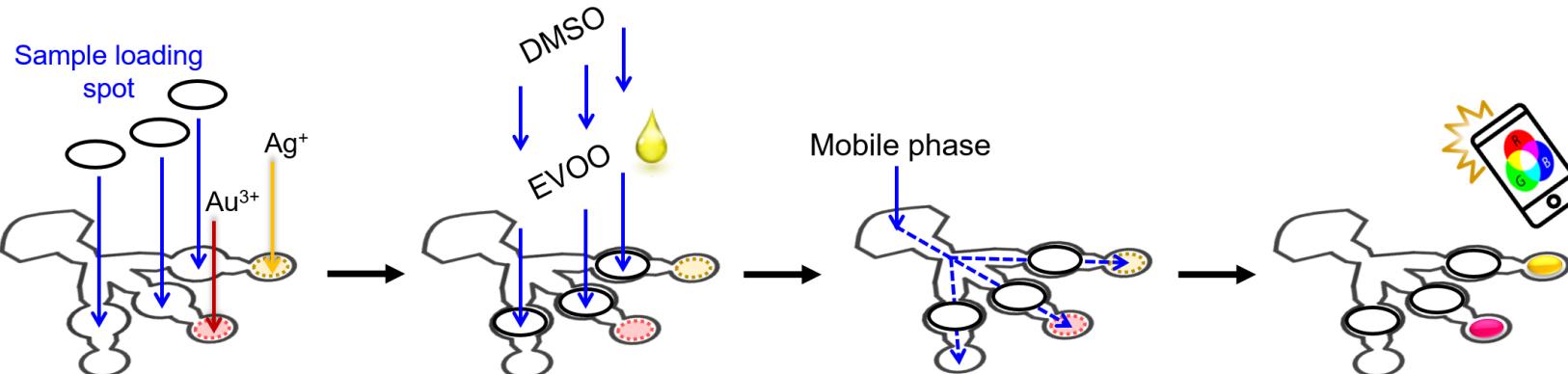
- juice,
- wine,
- commercial teas

## Extraction-free olive oil phenolic compounds evaluation trough a seed growth strategy

### Lab-on-a-strip fabrication

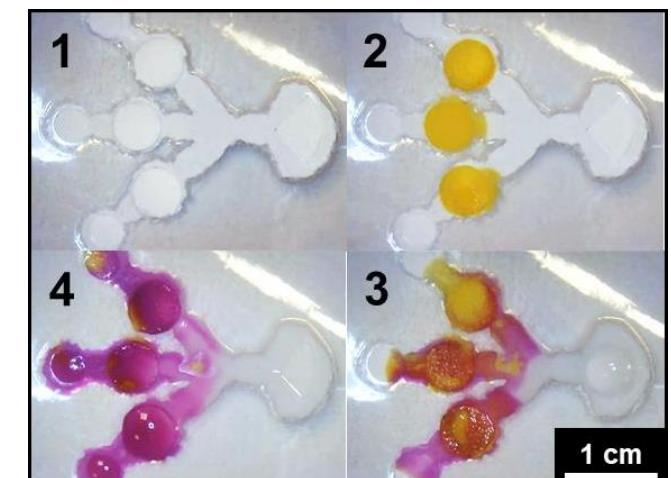


### Assay format



Total assay volume: ~ 80  $\mu$ L

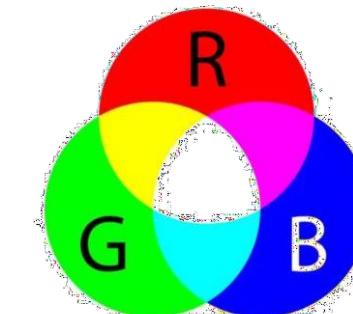
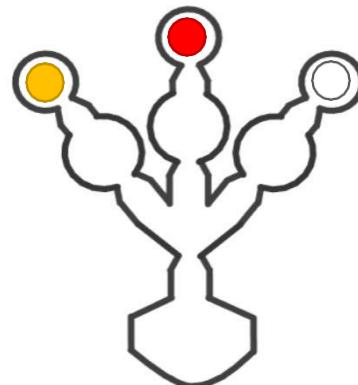
### Assay simulation with a colorimetric dye



# Paper-based colorimetric sensor

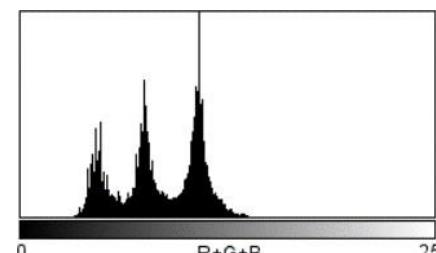
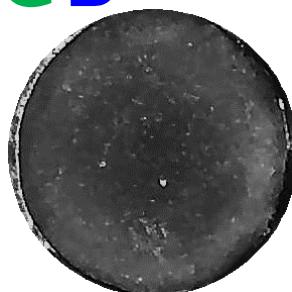
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### Color analysis



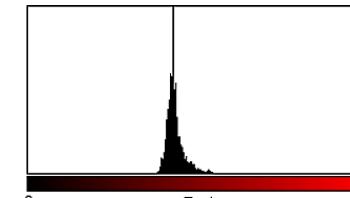
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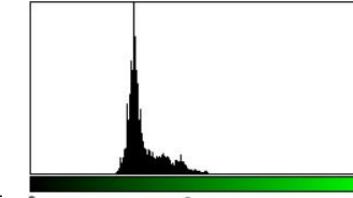
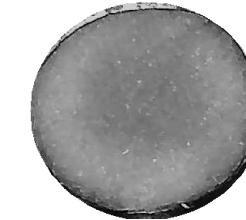
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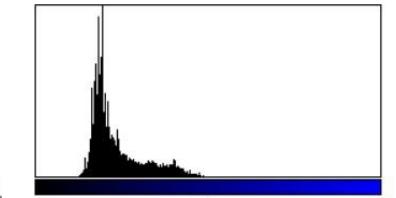
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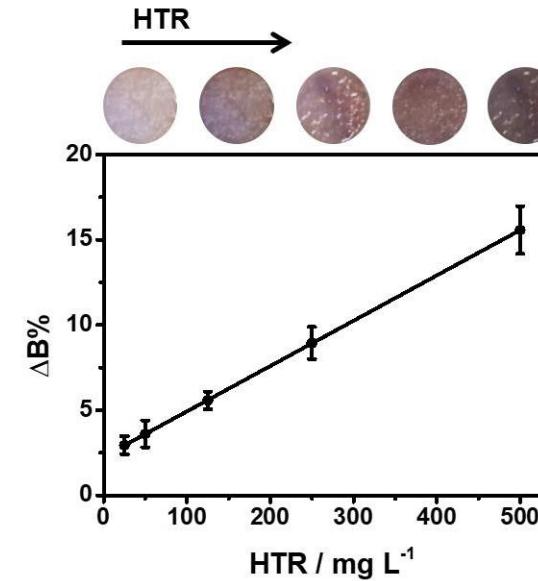
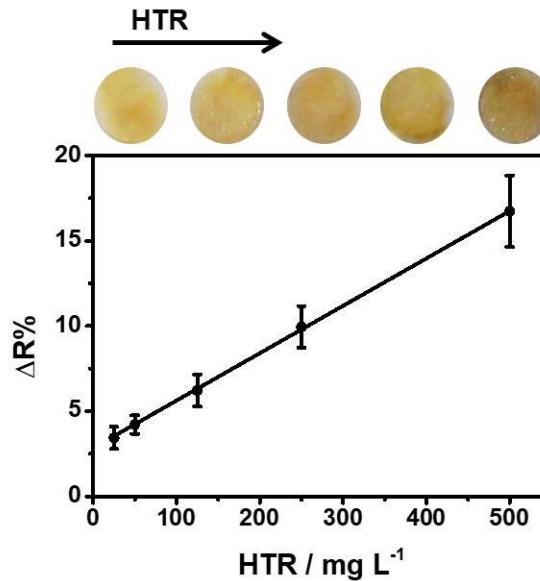
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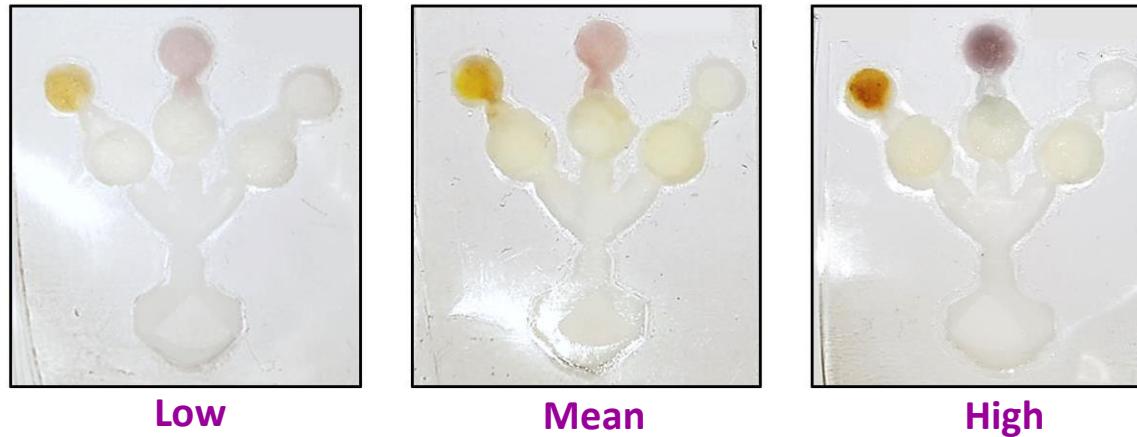
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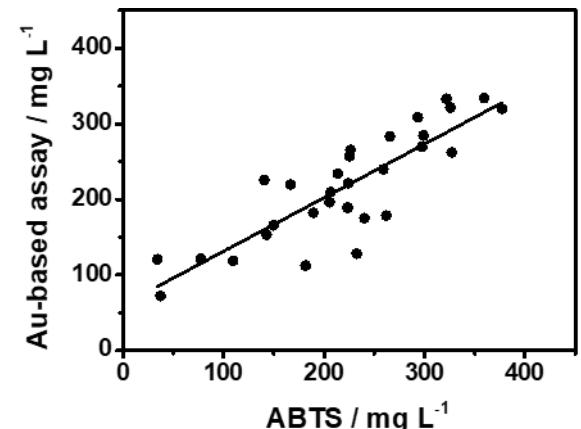
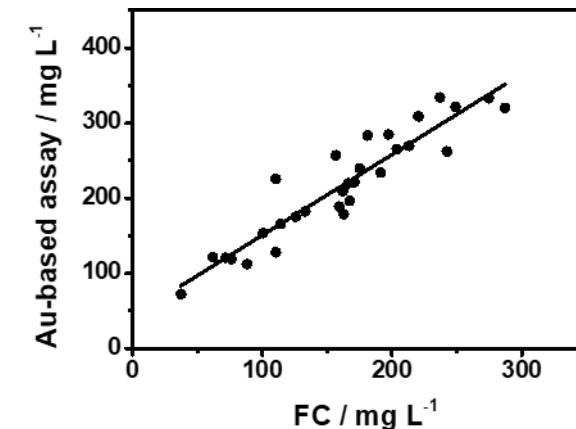
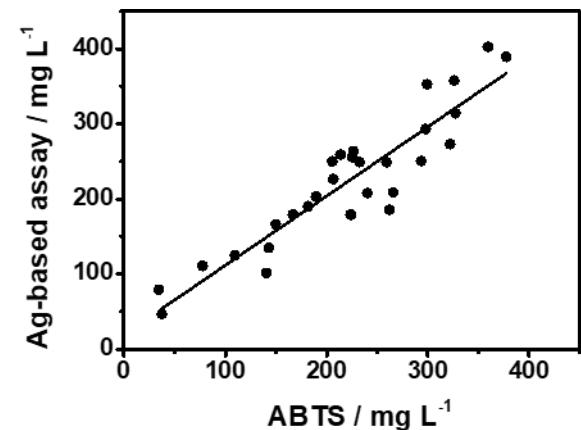
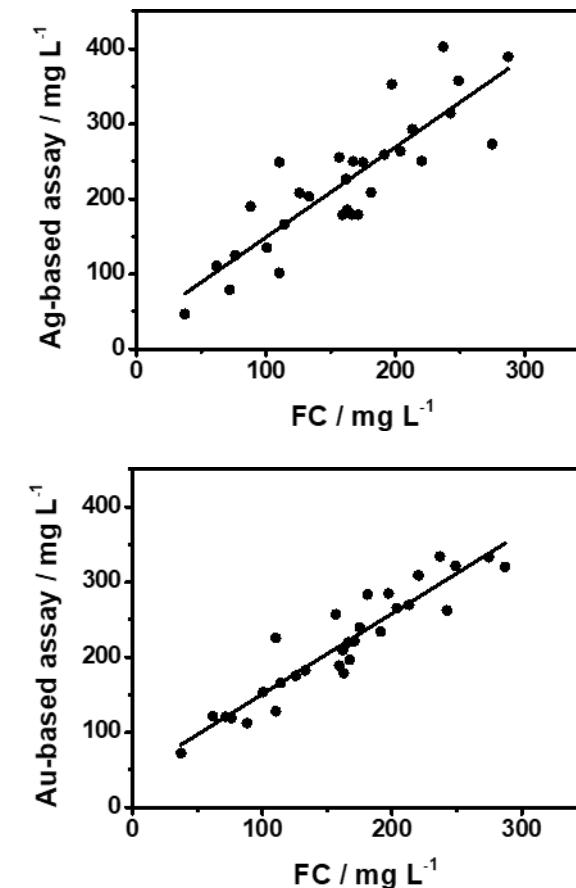
### Dose-response curve



### EVOO samples' phenolic compounds content



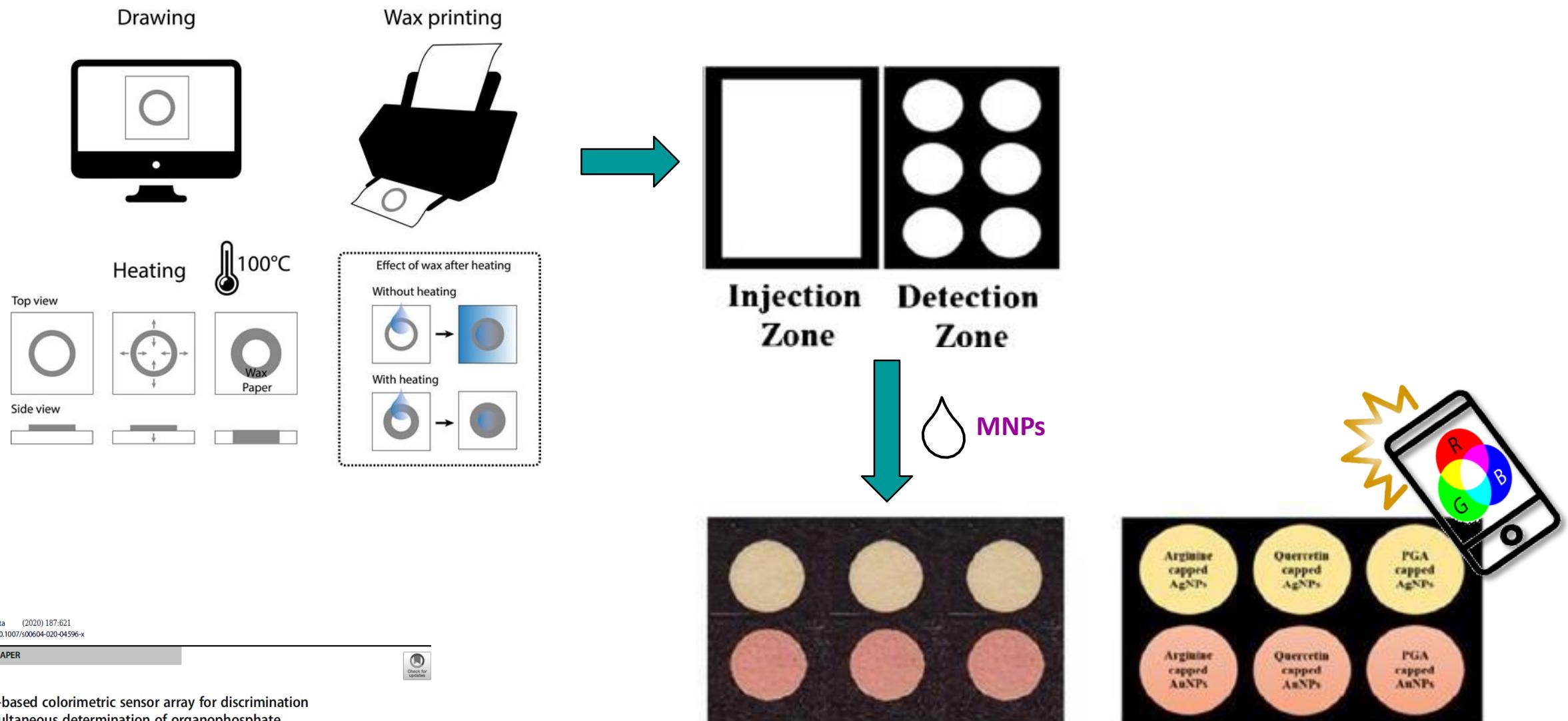
### Sample analysis, analytical performances



No interferences by compounds commonly present in EVOO

# Paper-based colorimetric sensor

## Pesticides determination through MNPs aggregation integrated in a paper-based device



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ORIGINAL PAPER

A paper-based colorimetric sensor array for discrimination and simultaneous determination of organophosphate and carbamate pesticides in tap water, apple juice, and rice

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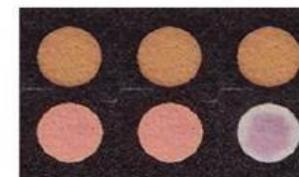
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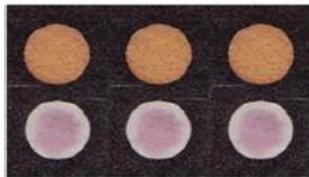
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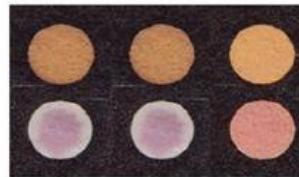
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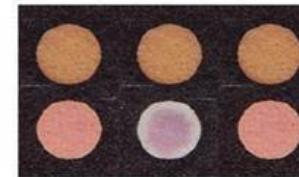
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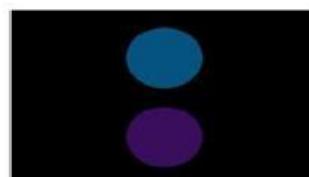
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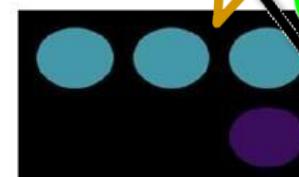
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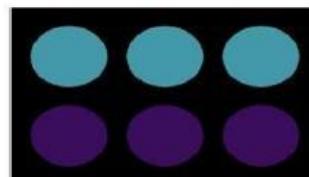
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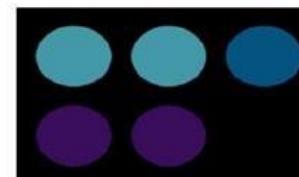
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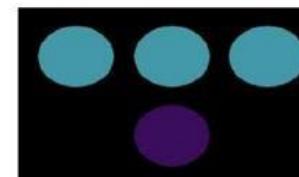
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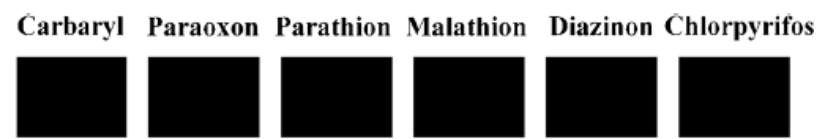


Chlorpyrifos



### Dose-response curve and analytical parameters

Control



Limit of Detection



Limit of Quantitation

 $75.0 \text{ ng.mL}^{-1}$  $100.0 \text{ ng.mL}^{-1}$  $250.0 \text{ ng.mL}^{-1}$  $500.0 \text{ ng.mL}^{-1}$  $750.0 \text{ ng.mL}^{-1}$  $1.0 \mu\text{g.mL}^{-1}$  $1.5 \mu\text{g.mL}^{-1}$  $2.5 \mu\text{g.mL}^{-1}$ 

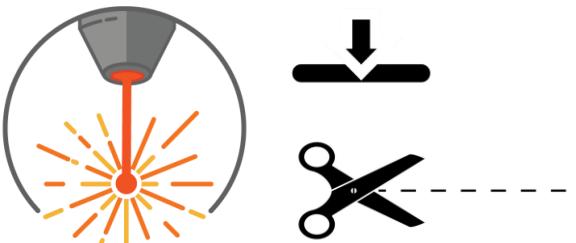
Limit of linearity



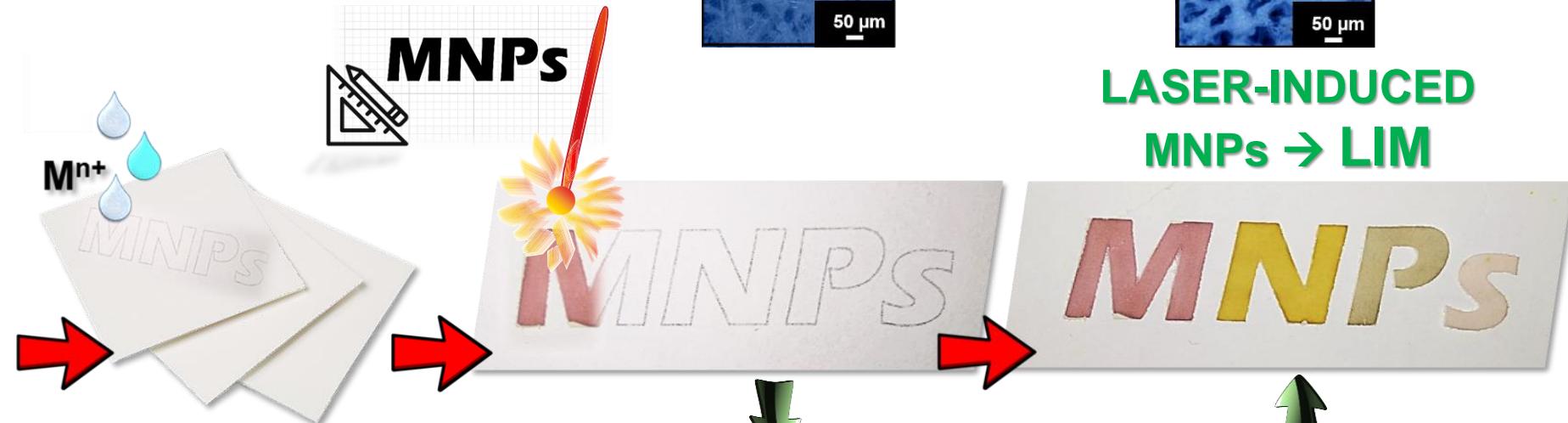
# Strategy: Laser-Induced Metal Nanoparticles (LIM)

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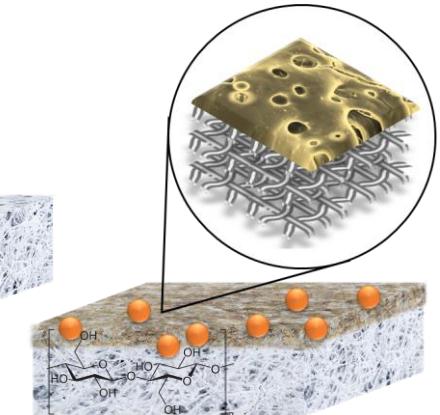
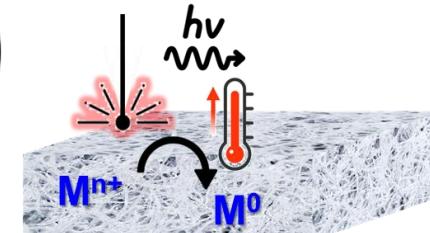
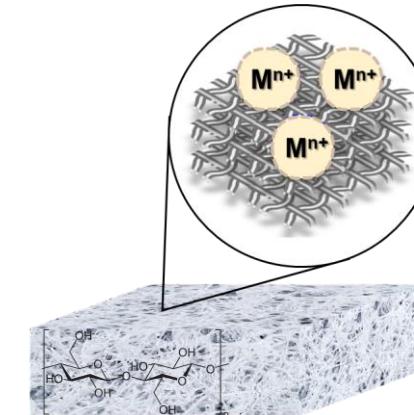
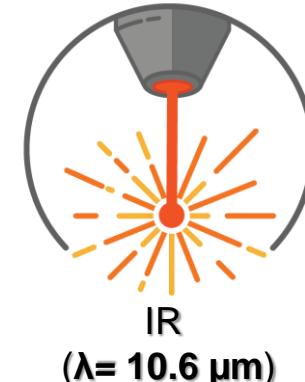
Plotter ( $\lambda = 10.6 \mu\text{m}$ )



$\text{M}^{n+}$   
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 $\text{Ag}^{+}$   
 $\text{Pt}^{4+}$   
 $\text{Cu}^{2+}$   
 $\text{Ni}^{2+}$

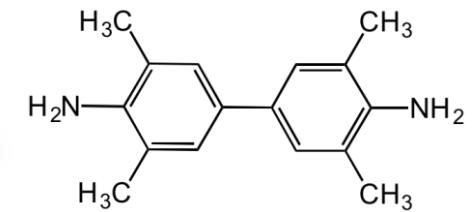
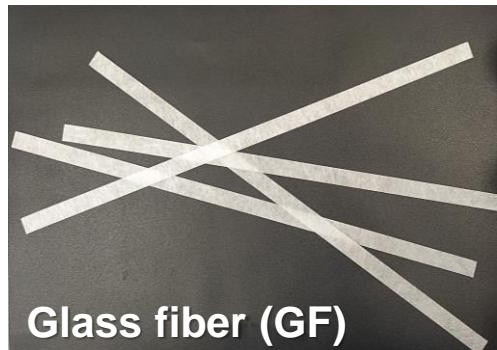


## FORMATION MECHANISMS



# LIM: Colorimetric determination of Ascorbic Acid

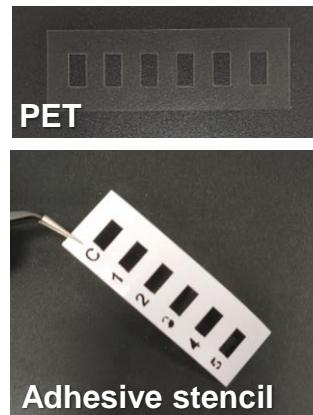
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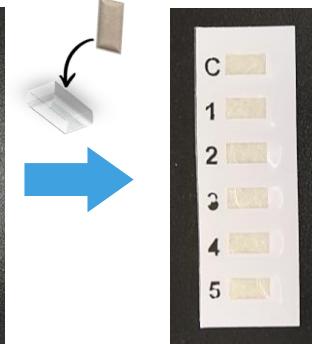
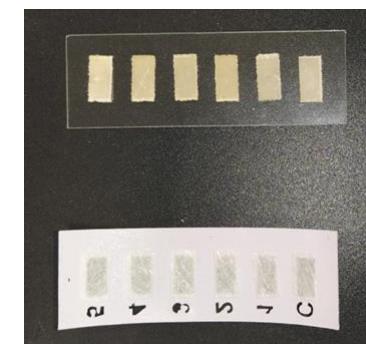
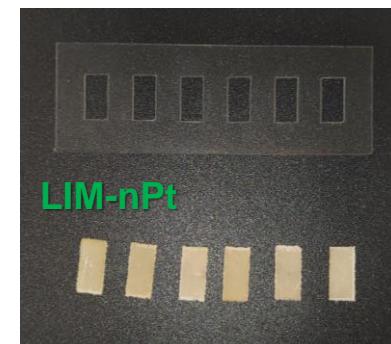
## Device manufacturing

### 1) Modules fabrication

Cutting plotter

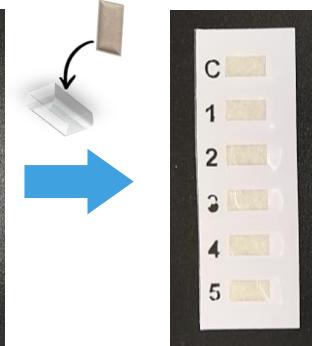
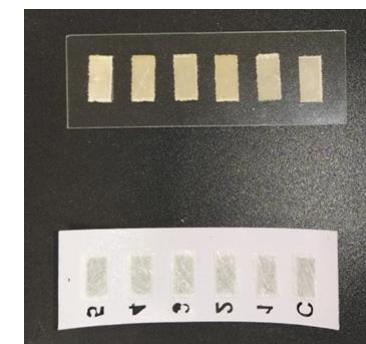


### Modules alignment



### 2) nanoCatalysts and Sensing layers assembling

### Modules alignment

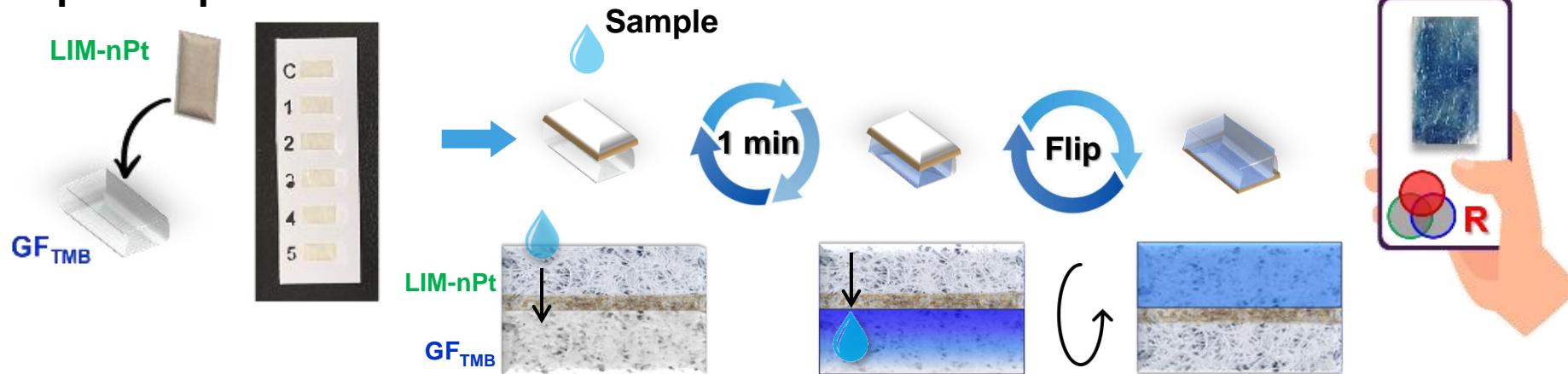


### Modules assembling

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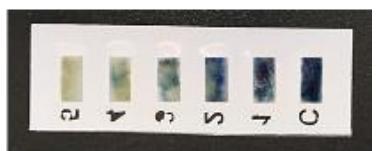
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## Assay Steps – Flip-PAD



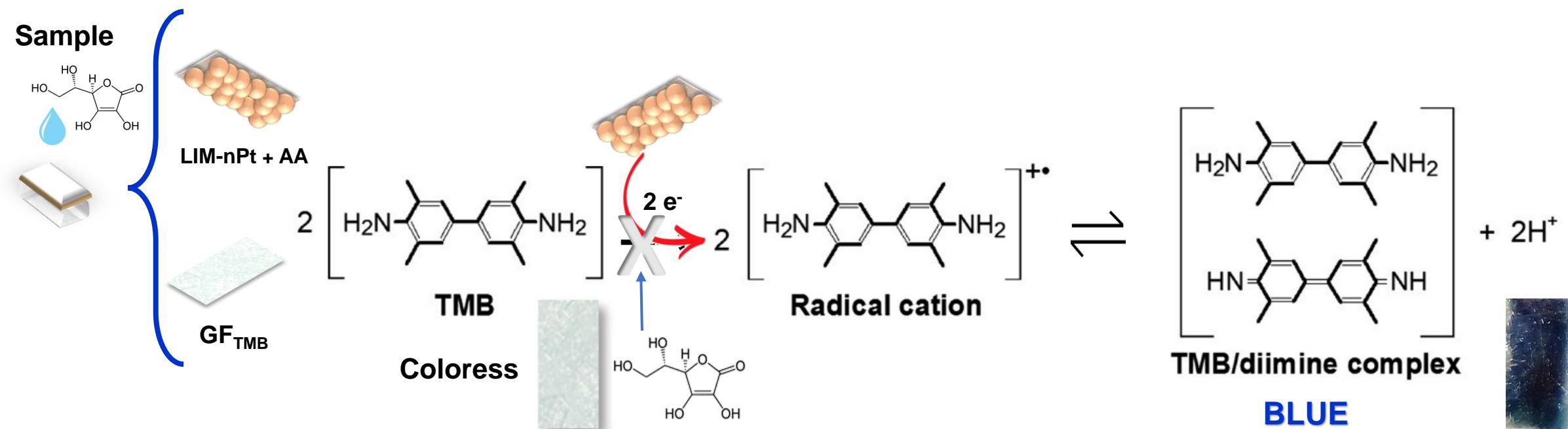
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Image Processing & Analysis in Java



Flip-PAD

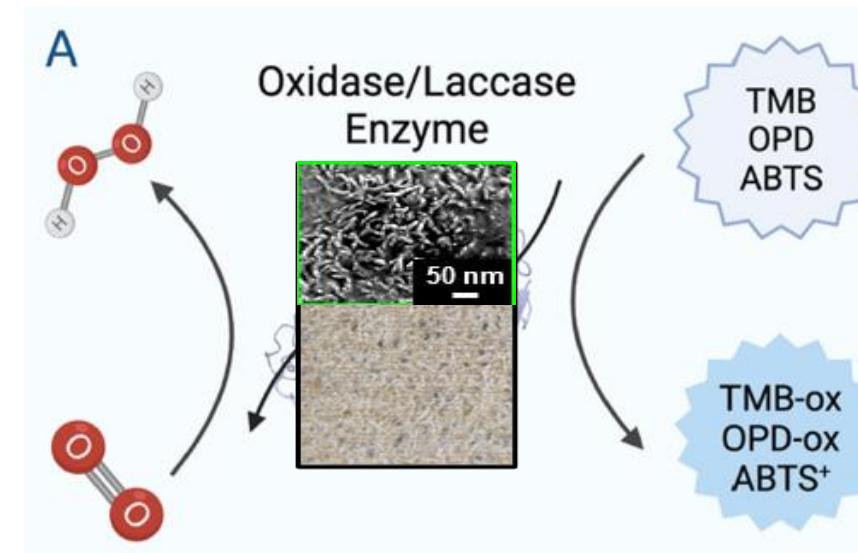
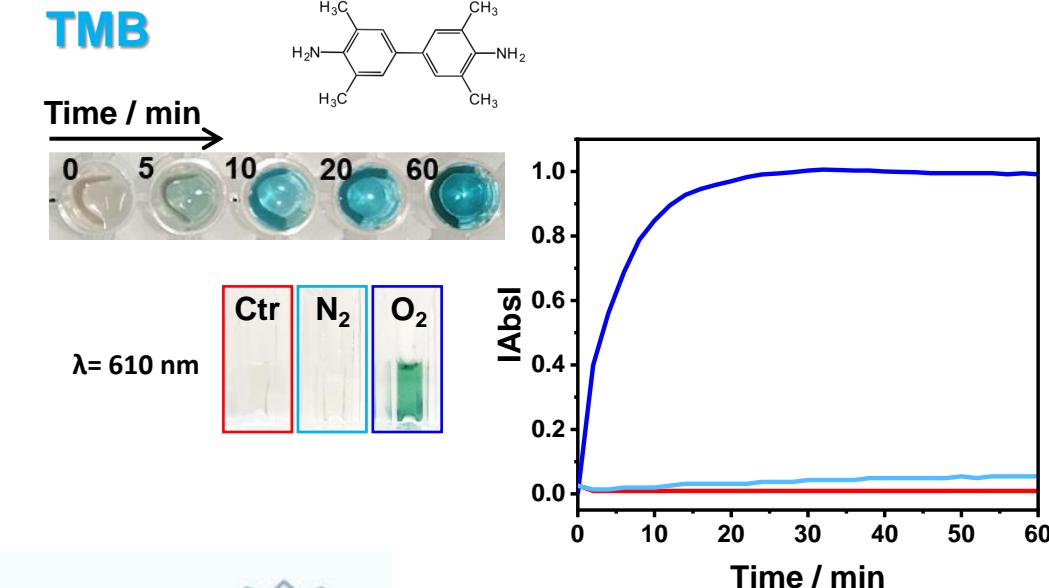
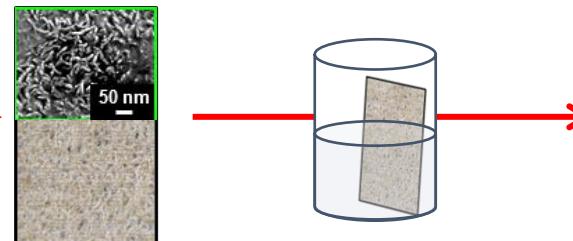
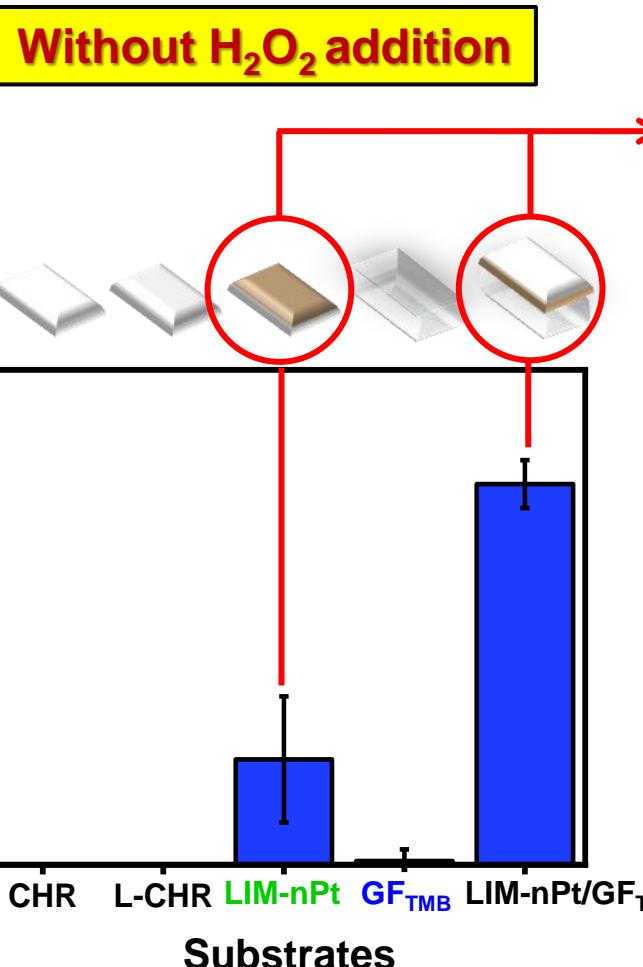
## Sensing strategy



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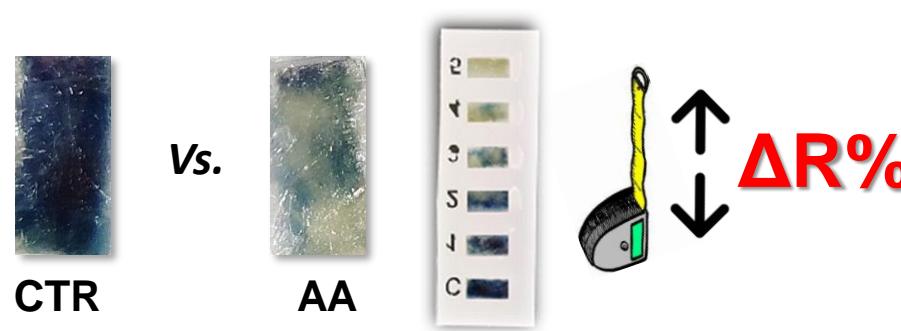
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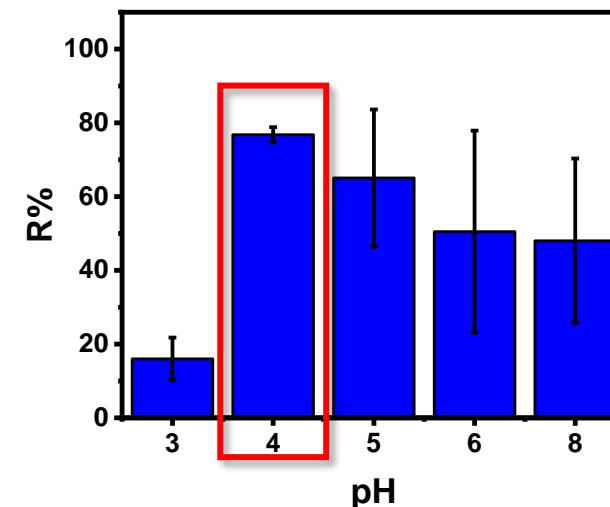
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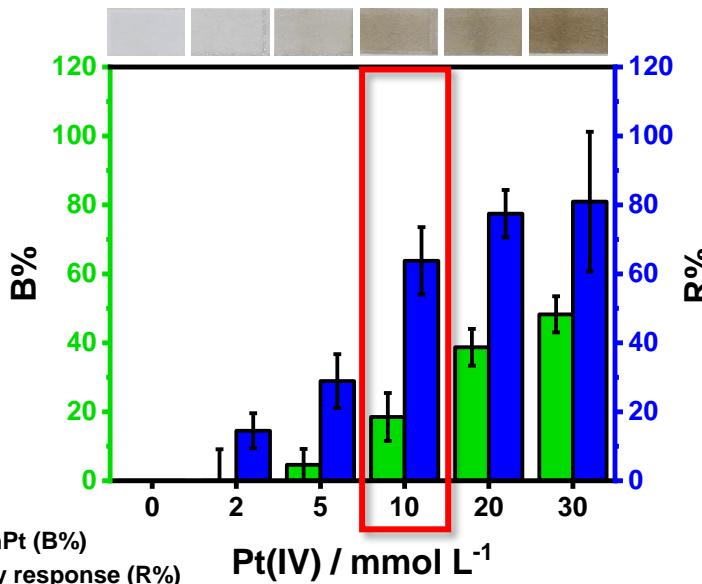
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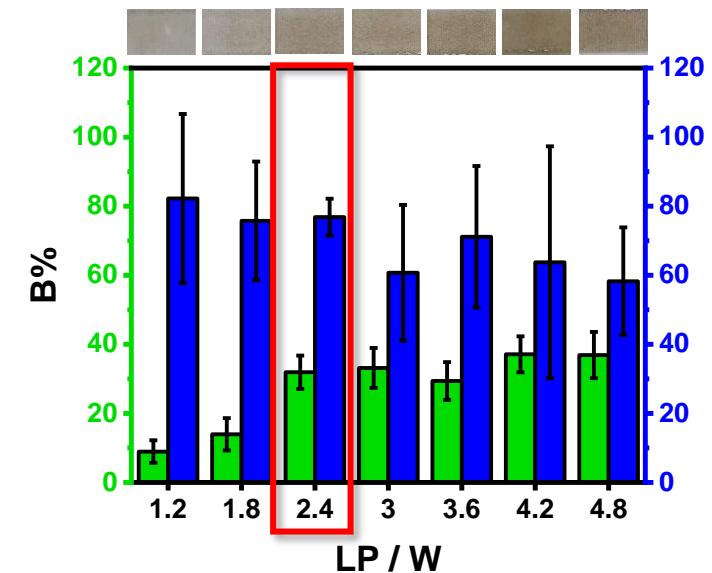
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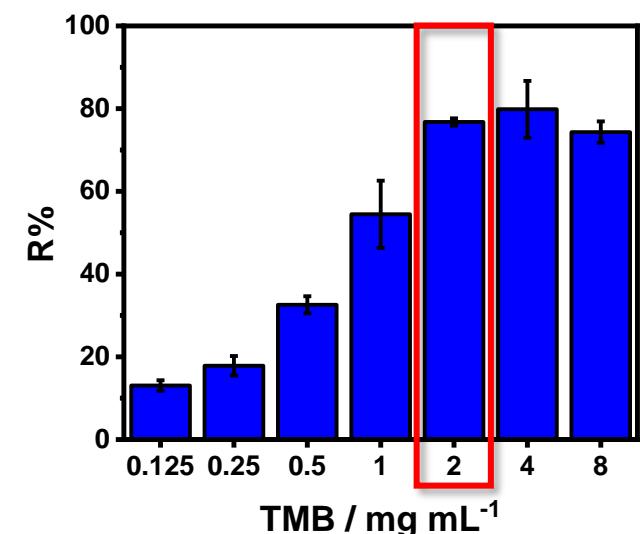
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## LIM-nPt synthesis



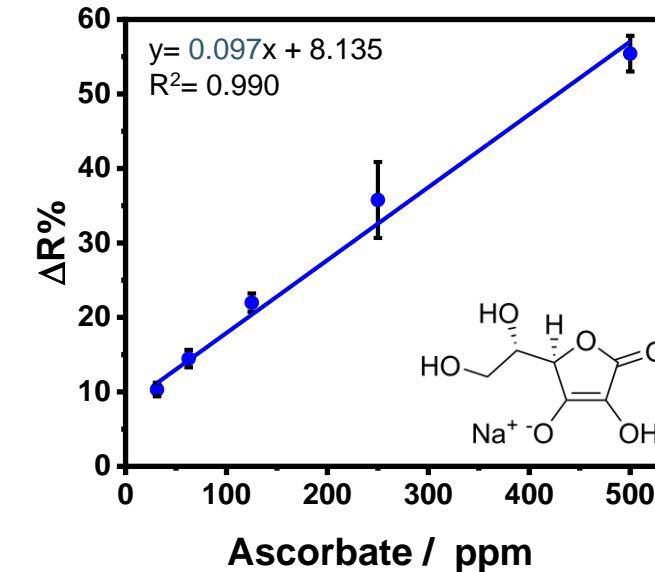
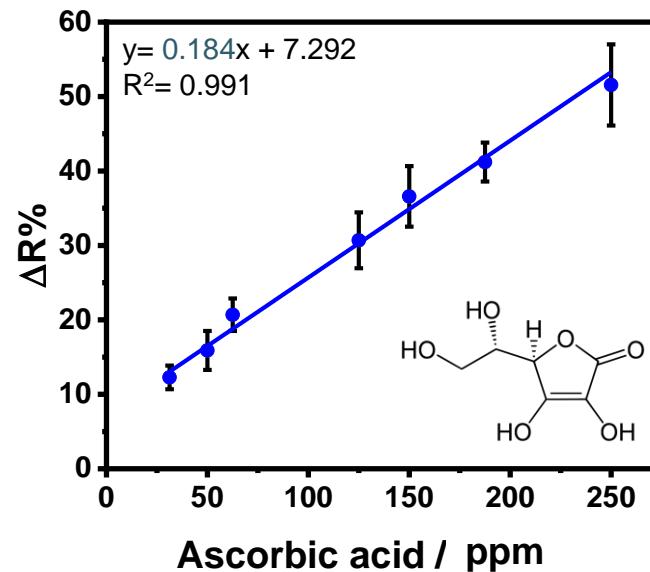
## TMB amount



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## Ascorbic acid determination



L.R.: 31- 250 ppm;  
LOD= 6.5 ppm  
RSD≤ 12%, n= 3

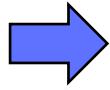
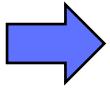
L.R.: 31- 500 ppm;  
LOD= 8.9 ppm  
RSD≤ 11%, n= 3



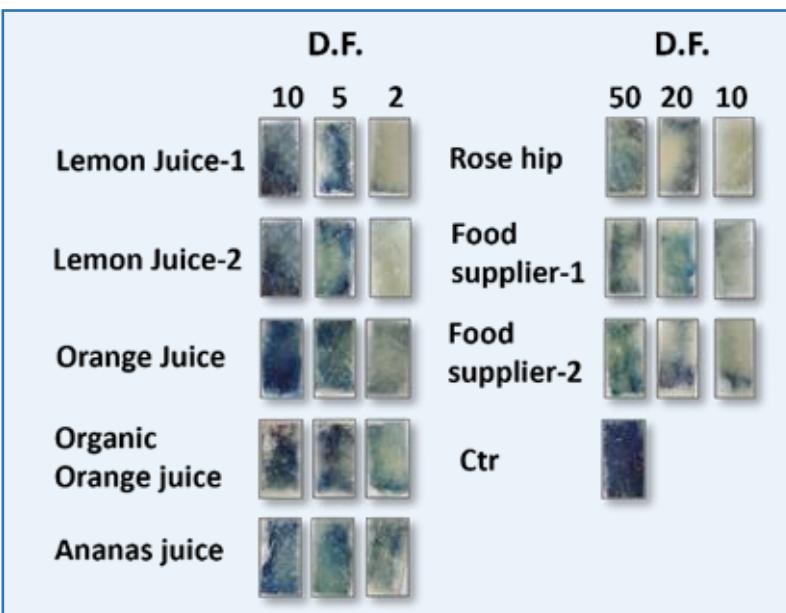
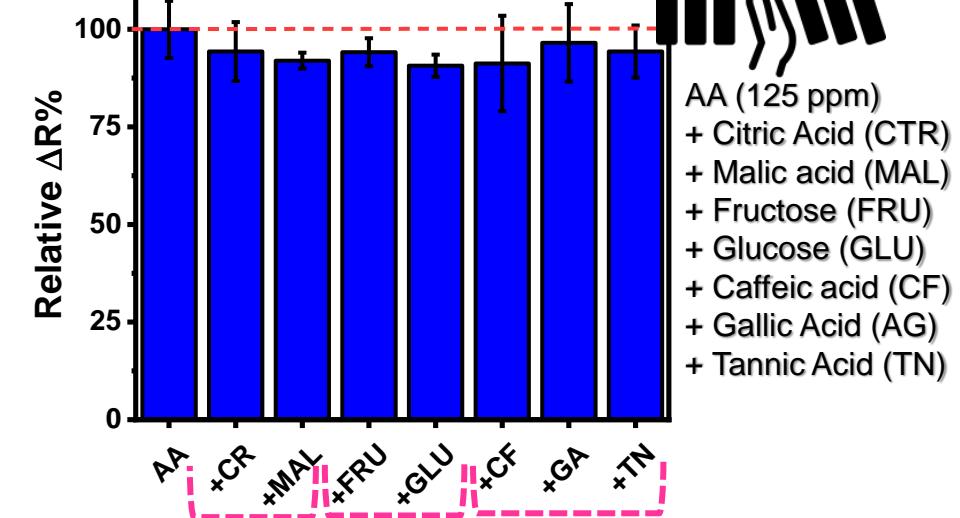
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## Ascorbic acid determination in samples



### Possible Interferences



Sample	Flip-PAD mg 100g <sup>-1</sup>	std.dev.	Enzymatic Photom. kit mg 100g <sup>-1</sup>	std.dev.	RELATIVE ERROR
					%
Lemon Juice-1	483.8	±32.6	545.3	±52.0	-11.3
Lemon Juice-2	1316.4	±48.9	1397.7	±98.9	-5.8
Orange Juice	24.6	±0.9	27.3	±2.0	-9.7
Organic Orange Juice	60.2	±2.0	60.1	±5.5	0.3
Ananas Juice	18.5	±1.3	18.6	±0.5	-0.5
Rose hip	55884.2	±1680.2	53574.3	±1562.8	4.3
Food Supplier-1	8689.2	±320.6	9530.2	±811.8	-8.8
Food Supplier-2	1291.3	±150.8	1329.9	±110.9	-2.9

Recovery:  
92 - 114 %  
RSD ≤ 7 %, n=3